

American Legion District 8 Meeting  
April 11, 2021

The Apr 11, 2021, District 8 meeting was held at Post 52 (BTC Bank meeting room) in Booneville, MO.

The meeting was opened by District Commander Brian Sapp. Opening prayer was given by District Chaplain Christine Sapp.

Commander Sapp introduced the guests and officer's present. They were Post 52 Commander Jorge Vizcarralagos, District 8 Auxiliary President Lindy Picray, Past Department Auxiliary President Claudia Goodin, Past District President Connie Pack, Past District 8 Commander Richard Pack, and Past District 8 and Department Commander Charlie Goodin.

Announcements:

- next District 8 meeting will be Sunday Jun 6, 2021 at Post 624 in Sunrise Beach (pending confirmation). Confirmation will be sent as soon as date/time is coordinated with Post 634 Commander.
- Department Convention will be in Cape Girardeau July 9-11. There will probably be limits on number of attendees as set by the Drury convention center national office.

Joint Session was put in recess so Auxiliary could adjourn to their meeting area.

American Legion District 8 meeting was reconvened.

Post 52 Commander Jorge Vizcarralagos was introduced and briefed the group of an incident at the Cooper County Court House where someone cut the cord on the main flagpole. The person was arrested but the flag line has to be repaired. Commander Vizcarralagos is working with the Sheriff Department on getting the line replaced and is planning a flag raising ceremony later in the week. He will let us know as soon as he has a good date and time, but it will probably be fairly short notice. Please attend if you can once the date/time is announced.

Roll call was conducted with the following Officer's being present:

Commander Brian Sapp  
Finance Officer Richard Pack  
Chaplain Christine Sapp  
Historian John Picray  
Service Officer Dee Dee Cryderman  
Sergeant -At-Arms Don Cryderman.

There were 7 Legion Post represented and 19 members present for the meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from the Jan District 8 Meeting as sent out electronically prior to this meeting.

Richard Pack gave Finance report with an overall balance of \$22,257.63. Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the finance report pending audit.

- Reminder Per Capita dues have to be paid prior to the June business meeting in order for your post to have voting rights at that meeting.
- We still have the two full sets of the Legion coins. District Commander has those in his possession. We can use those as a fundraiser at a future time.
- Still \$1000 (two scholarships) still outstanding at this time.

Charlie Goodin gave a report on MAVO and the current agenda.

The following Committee Reports were given:

Membership report

- o District 8 is at 88% with several already over 100%. Please try to hit 95% by next member goal date on April 14, 2021. The next goal is 100% on May 12th.

Boys State by Richard Pack.

- o The university has cut Boys State attendance to a quarter of what was expected and reported by them earlier in the year.

Cadet Patrol by Bob Jordon Legion

- o Cadet Patrol has been cancelled for this year

Riders by Brian Sapp (or Dan) – lots of great events being planned as Legacy

Scholarship fundraisers by our district rider groups. State ALR Legacy Ride is Jun 26-28 starting in Joplin and ending in Springfield.

Legislative Chairman Charlie Goodin provided MAVO updates.

County Commander and Post Commander reports were presented by DeeDee Cryderman (Post 5), Jorge Vizcarralagos (Post 52), Christine Sapp (Post 152), John Picray (Post 202), Ted York (Post 624), Iona Florescu (Post 1111).

Sick call: Please keep the following Legion members in your thoughts and prayers:

Terry McDonald (202) – doing well

Donny Faughn (5)

Old/unfinished business:

- All mature CD's have been cashed in and money put into the regular checking account. Still looking at Money Market accounts and whether that will be better in the long run for the District.
- Mylegion.org has changed so please login if you haven't been on there since last month. Now everyone with multiple accounts, they are all combined into one login so you just have to change tabs at the top and not log completely out and back in.

New business:

- Department facing budget shortfall. The Legionnaire newspaper will go completely online after the June published paper.
- Convention in Cape Girardeau. Check the department website for lodging information.
- Convention delegate and committee representatives will be set at the June business meeting.
- We will have a commitment to help with the combined hospitality room at convention for Tom Goodin who is running for DEC. Costs will be split between all who are running since there won't be individual hospitality rooms for each District.
  - o Motion and approval will be done at June business meeting.
- Proposed change to District 8 by-laws:
  - o As reads:

*District 8 Bylaws -Article 5 – Finances - Section 1 - Each Post in the Eighth District shall pay to the District, prior to each Annual Business Meeting, a per capita tax of thirty-five cents (.35) for each member in good standing, and the District Commander shall receive sixty percent (60%) of the first twenty-five cents (.25) as compensation for his expenses incurred as Commander.*

Note: amended 6-5-2011 to \$1.00 per member for 10 years

- Amended in 2011 to \$1 per member for 10 years
- discussed in 2017 to \$.50 per member but no action taken.
  - o If we need to amend this year, I recommend changing to \$.50/member extended for another 10 years – expiring in 2031.
    - Motion made, seconded and passed to recommend change to by-laws to change per capita amount to \$.50/member with no set expiration date so that it can be looked at and evaluated on an annual basis. Motion by Charlie Goodin, second by John Picray. Second reading, final discussion and vote will be at June business meeting.
  - o In accordance with District 8 Constitution – Article VIII, Amendments – Any proposed amendment shall be submitted to all posts no later than 30 days prior to the annual business meeting. District Commander will include this in the meeting minutes, as well as mail paper notice of change to all Posts as required.
- Reminder – we have an Eighth District website and Facebook pages, so if you have events coming up, please let us know so we can help advertise for you.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander Sapp.

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