

US Grant Camp 68

Monthly Meeting 9 Apr 2018

Frailey's Grill and Pub, I-55 & Butler Hill Rd 63128

Present: Bob Petrovic, Walt Busch, Martin Aubuchon, John Avery, Mike Hudson, Bob Amlser Jr, Mark Coplin, Bob Aubuchon

1900 – Cmdr Amlser began the meeting with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer Report and Secretary Report

DATE	Item	Description	In	Out	Bank Action
2/13/2018	DEP	DEPOSIT			70.00
2/15/2018	6992	Harold Hunt Dues	35.00		
2/17/2018	DEP	Deposit- Mail in			35.00
3/6/2018	238	John Avery for Scout Mailing		-50.50	50.50
4/1/2018	239	Arch Engraving 628822 & 628150		-30.40	-30.40
4/6/2019	Cash	Harold Hunt SVR dues	3.00		
4/6/2018	2321	Patrick Levitt Membership & SVR Dues Initial Membership	38.00		
4/6/2018	11034	Bob Petrovic Dues & SVR	38.00		
TOTALS			19,038.62	17,335.31	2,542.33

Committed Funds	
SVR Fund	\$161.51
Total	\$161.51

TOTAL MONEYS	
Total Checking	\$2,542.33
Undeposited Funds	\$79.00
Total	\$2,621.33

Committed Funds \$161.51
Uncommitted Funds \$2,459.82

Will need for per capita approx 32 members x 29.00 = \$ 928.00

RENEWALS DELINQUENT

- James Egbert
- Christopher Hunter – Heard from Chris, His renewal was returned by USPS. Should come shortly
- Dan Jackson – Heard from Dan
- Ron Laboe
- Patrick Levitt
- John David McAtee
- David Gregory Marshall
- Kenneth Roberts

Mark did excellent job at minutes. Recommend he take over the job again.

Website

Weebly or Wix. Weebly more static than the work John did, but is cheaper and our storage can be unlimited. Since I am more familiar with it, I think we need to go that way. Renew website for 2 years would be \$120 paid in one payment versus \$336 regardless of how paid.

Bob Petrovic made motion to accept the treasurer report subject to audit, seconded by Mark Coplin. Passes

Walt reviewed those dues still missing. Suggested that the camp pay Dan Jackson's dues in exchange for him piping or bugling at one or more events. Walt reminded the camp, we use to do this for the webmaster, Scott Williams. Bob Petrovic Seconded the motion. Passes.

[Since the meeting, Walt has rec'd dues from Hunter and except for Dan Jackson, the other 6 above members have been dropped from the per capita report that was sent in.]

Walt then discussed briefly the Weebly vs Wix campsite issue. Walt said he has looked at both and is use to doing Weebly, plus Weebly allows unlimited storage, which the Wix site does not and also allows e-commerce which the Wix doesn't. He is also more comfortable using the Weebly site since he uses it for the department. Costs are about the same, but we get more from Weebly for our money than Wix. HOWEVER, Walt doesn't want to step on John Palmer's toes. If John is willing to continue regular updates to the website, which may be difficult since he is going to college, Walt would defer to John and Wix. Commander Amsler said he would talk to John about it.

Walt brought up the by-law change and also gave the Commander the 501-C-3 short form from the IRS to review. Nothing was done on this issue.

Commander Amsler recommended we replace the flag at Sherman's grave quarterly and suggested we use a cotton flag instead of the current polyester one. All agreed. Some members have sources for cheap flags. Discussion was made about what flag is appropriate modern or 34 star. Walt said the 48 star flag was the longest serving flag that the GAR existed under so that could also be the flag. It was decided that modern flags are probably cheaper and appropriate.

It was then brought up that we need another flag for our pole for outside use since the one we have is fringed and for inside use. Walt recommended we buy 5 flags this year (4 for Sherman grave and 1 for our outside use). All concurred.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies – Bob Amsler Jr will be there. John Avery can go if he can have someone drive. Cmdr Amsler advised to be organize our unit by 0945. Bob Amsler said others can ride with him, but he will be giving a dinner talk about Civil War Railroads there so whoever rides with him will have to wait until he is done.

Walt to send out e-mails about the Lincoln Ceremony requesting 4 members with uniform and asking for ride for John Avery also information about riding with Commander.

Commander Amsler proposed holding Sherman Day in September – TABLED

JVC Bob Aubuchon stated he attended the Sherman Ceremonies on March 25 and that the camp received good news coverage of the event. St. Louis Post had info on it. Bob also stated he has the keys to the flag pole and we then discussed how many sets we will need. The secretary will keep one set and there will be at least two more out there for our use to change out the flag. Bob Aubuchon stated he will donate the cost of the keys.

John Avery stated that he has most schools covered for the ROTC medal events and that one on Apr 20 at U City and another at Roosevelt on Apr 21 still need presenters. Walt to send out e-mail to camp members calling for volunteers.

56th USCT Monument Ceremony – May 5 0930 and 1000 hrs. Cleveland Color Guard maybe? Chairs needed for USCT and Podium. [E-mail sent on 4-29 about organizing it]

Plaque for Frailey's Room. Bob Petrovic brought in a proposal and is getting a price.

TRIVIA

1. What was John Wilkes Booth's original plans for Lincoln?
Part 2 - who else was to be assassinated after Booth's plans changed?
2. What was the greatest killer in the war?
3. What woman said of her husband, "He did not know the arts of a politician and would not practice them if understood"?
4. Ellen Marcy, later to become General McClellan's wife, was proposed marriage by what other Civil War figure?

5. Who was Cassius Marcellus Clay?
6. What poet wrote a six-volume biography of Lincoln?
7. What famous portrait photographer took few, if any, of the Civil War photos attributed to him?
8. Lincoln's earliest memories were of which farm, where he lived from when he was two to when he was seven?
A. Silver Springs Farm B. Knob Creek Farm C. Cedarhurst Farm D. Twin Pines Farm
9. Thomas J "Stonewall" Jackson was orphaned as a child? True or False
10. Which of these battles was NOT on of the "Seven Days Battles,,"?
A. Saylor's Creek B. Mechanicsville C. White Oak Swamp D. Oak Grove

Fun Fact - During the battle of Mine Creek, Union private James Dunlavy singlehandedly captured the Confederate Cavalry General John Marmaduke. Taking his prisoner to his department headquarters, Dunlavy immediately received an eight-month furlough, the full amount of his remaining period of enlistment.

Meeting Closed with Prayer at 2006.

