

St. Peters Veterans Memorial Commission (VMC)

Meeting Minutes - 2/06/2023

1. The St. Peters Memorial Commission was called to order on 2/06/2023 at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Roll Call: Names are **bolded*** for those members who were in attendance
 - *John Gonzales (Chairman), *Victor Ponce (Vice-Chair), Francine King Secretary, *Joseph P. Brown, * Mark Hoernschemeyer, *Lonnie Williamson, Jeff Bornefeld, *Mike Sloan, *Mark Sloan, *Bob Zahner (Alternates), *Cody Walker City Rep.**
 - Alderman Representative: Alderman Reitmeyer
 - Military Adviser: *** Alderman Violet**
5. Approval of the minutes:
 - a) Approval of the Minutes December 05, 2022- Joe Brown, 2nd Mark Hoernschemeyer
6. Public Comments:
 - a) Victor Ponce stressed the importance for all Veterans Memorial Commission members to attend the ceremonies as much as possible.
 - b) Cody Walker followed up on items from the last meeting:
 - i) A link for Veterans to request their military service records (including their DD214) was added to the Hall of Honor page (www.stpetersmo.net/honor)
 - ii) A potential replacement Space Force flag was presented that would match the style of the other Armed Forces branch flags the VMC purchased in 2022. There was a question about if this version came with a harness, or the one that came with the last flag would work.
 - iii) In 2022, there were a total of 27 new names added to the Hall of Honor:
 - (1) 13 prior to Memorial Day
 - (2) 14 names added prior to Veterans Day
 - iv) If the VMC would like to continue having a meeting in February each year, where one is typically not scheduled, it is recommended that they make a motion to amend the By-Laws.
7. Hall of Honor Applications-posted twice a year Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
 - a) Approved
 - i) Lloyd F. Elfrank – Air Force
 - (1) Motion to approve: 1st Joe Brown, 2nd Mike Sloan

8. Business Items for Discussion: Memorial Day 2023 Event

a) Date/Time: May 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM

i) Need guest speaker

(1) Ald. Violet contacted Capt. Jay Mullen (Army) who agreed to speak.

ii) Victor will ask Ald. Reitmeyer to contact Ald. Townsend to arrange for Boy Scouts to place flags on the City Hall Grounds. Cody Walker will arrange for date with Parks Dept. mowing schedule and for the flags to be available.

iii) Victor will contact the Fire Department for fire truck and large American flag display.

iv) Color Guard will need to be arranged.

v) Can Jeff Bornefeld take care of playing Taps?

vi) Jay Mullen for flag and plaque presentation?

vii) Cody will arrange for tent misters from the Fire Department for heat relief.

viii) Mark Sloan asked about identifying area WWII Veterans and make some sort of presentation to them at the Ceremony.

ix) Ald. Violet will perform the Invocation at the Ceremony.

x) Ald. Reitmeyer to arrange for the Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus to attend.

xi) Need to arrange for a singer to perform.

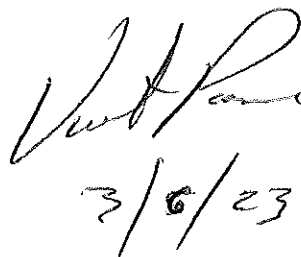
xii) Victor discussed making a checklist to follow when preparing our future ceremonies

9. Next Meeting – Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7pm

10. Meeting Adjourned 7:50 PM

a) Motion: 1st Joe Brown, 2nd Mark Sloan

Meeting minutes prepared by – Mike Sloan



Victor P.
3/6/23