

Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Curtenius Guard Camp # 17

Camp # 17 Meeting Minutes for, July 26, 2022. This meeting is being held at the Old G.A.R. Hall, Sunfield , Michigan.

Before the meeting, the Brother's held a service, and placed an S.U.V.C.W. marker on the Grave of deceased Brother Dana Traub. The service was at the Sunfield Cemetery where he is buried.

I. Opening Ritual:

At 7:05 P.M. Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne opened the July 26, 2022, Camp # 17 meeting. Brothers were appointed to fill the vacancies of absent Officers by appointment, pro-temp.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Officers Present: D. Bankhead, M. Cox, D. Grimes, H. Holcomb, S. Martin, R. Payne, R. Russell, and R. Shull.

Officers Excused: B, Benedict, M. Hoffman, S. Martin, T. Kolean, and J. Pahl.

III. Roll Call of the Camp:

Roll of the Camp not called.

IV. Guests:

Guests present today include: No guests

V. Approval of Minutes:

Commander Payne asked the Camp # 17 Brothers if they have any

objections, or questions about the May 30, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Brother Grimes to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Second. There being no objections Commander R. Payne called for a vote. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report:

No Report.

VII. Concerns for Brothers:

Concerns, thoughts, and prayers were expressed for the following Brothers: Concerns expressed for Brother D. Arnold, Brother M. Hoffman, and Brother K. Harrison. Possible concerns discussed for Brothers B. Benedict and W. Peabody.

VIII. Reading of Applications from Candidates, for Membership:

No new applications.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

No applicants.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

No new members present to initiate.

XI. Meeting Recess:

We did not take a meeting recess.

XII. Committee Reports:

By-Laws: No Report.

Memorials and Graves

Registrations: Brother Mark Hoffman E-Mailed the following Graves Registration Report: Our next quarterly Department Graves Registration Officer meeting is September 10, and I will be submitting another packet of new

and corrected records on behalf of the Camp.

G.A.R. Monuments: No report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: No Report.

Military Affairs: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Veterans Day: No Report.

Patriotic Instructor: No Report.

Programs and Publicity: No Report.

Hall Restoration: Commander Payne noted the need to consider painting the building. He proceeded to inform the Brothers he obtained a quote from the individual who painted it the last time. The amount of the quote is not to exceed \$3000.00. The quotation includes scraping, prime, caulking, and painting. A motion provided by Brother Martin, to authorize a down payment of up to \$500.00, and to hire the same individual who did the work the last time to do the work, again, and accepting his agreement to proceed to scrape, prime, calk and paint the, Old Sunfield G.A.R. Hall exterior for a maximum amount of \$3000.00. A Second provided by Brother Bankhead. No objections. Motion passed.

Memorial Day:

-No Report.

Remembrance Day Activities: No report.

Grinnell Award: No Report.

XIII. Orders and Communications: SUCW National Issued the following General Orders:

-#14-Reactivates a special committee

to reorganize the, National Regulations.

-#15 - Informs Camps on who is allowed to attend Department and National Encampments.

-#16 - 13 June, 2022, This Order, Orders the Suspension of the, Department of Kentucky.

-#17 - Revocation of Department Order #16. The Department of Kentucky is reinstated.

-#18 - Sets the minimum age for holding any candidate seeking election to a National Office.

Special Orders:

- None

SUVCW Department of Michigan issued the following Department Orders:

-#1 - Lists the 2022-2023 Department of Michigan Staff and Committee appointments.

XIV. Old Business:

-A discussion took place, about the delivery for the Post for the Historical sign located at the Old Sunfield, G.A.R. Hall. We have not received the post, but believe we have confirmation that it will be delivered soon. Arrangements have to be made to install it.

XV. New Business:

-Commander Payne informs us that 177 are pre-registered for the National Encampment.

-Don Shaw and Robert Payne are running for a different National Officer position.

-A discussion took place on re-initiating, the holding of seminars, to raise money for Camp # 17. Brothers Bankhead and Cox agree to work on

this and report back the next meeting.

-Commander Payne informs us that we will hold nominations for 2023 Camp # 17 Officers at the September meeting.

XVI. Good of the Order: Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum:

Programs and Special Events include:

-July 19, 2022, we showcased a Seminar titled, Kalamazoo County and the Civil War: How One Mid-Western Community Supported and Didn't Support the War. The Speaker was Brother Gary Gibson. The seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all attending.

- All scheduled activities are depending on the virus situation at the time.

-“Annual Sponsorships”, from \$25 to \$200 are available to help support the, “Michigan G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum. Please consider becoming an, Annual Sponsor.

-Volunteers are needed to work the first two Wednesdays of each month. Please consider volunteering.

-Commander Payne asked Secretary Holcomb to send a note to the Camp # 17 Brothers. The note to:

1). Obtain the number of Brothers who will consider attending a, Camp # 17, September 27, 2022 dinner and meeting.

2). Ask the Brothers if they have any suggestions/contacts/ place that might volunteer to hold the dinner. The Welch Museum was mentioned

as a possible? We believe we will be able to use a same cater service used in past years? Brother Holcomb agreed to do this.

-The 2022 National Encampment is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The date is August 11-14, 2022. The location is the, Double Tree, by Hilton, 4747 28th St. SE. Grand Rapids MI 49512. A free shuttle service to and from Gerald R. Ford Airport is available. A 2022, National Encampment, ribbon is available for purchase on the, website.

-A Thursday, tours are setup to tour the Meyer-May House, on to the Greenwood Cemetery for a service, and Meijer Gardens for dinner and to tour.

-Registration forms for the, National Encampment, and events are listed on the Department and National websites.

Websites:

“Curtenius Guard Camp # 17”, Department of Michigan

Pass the Hat: We collected \$99.00.

XVII. Closing Ritual:

Camp # 17 Commander Robert Payne closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Harold Holcomb

Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 Secretary