



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER LV
Michigan Michael F. May Memorial Chapter**

Kirk Newman
President

Doug Sherd
Vice President

Rich Smith
Adjutant

Mike Reyes
Treasurer

Bob Strange
Quartermaster

Vinnie Messina
Chaplain

MINUTES OF SFA CHAPTER 55 MEETING 17 October 2020:

1. Meeting Called to Order: 1305Hrs.

1.1. Roll Call:

1.1.1. Officers Present: President: , Vice-President: , Adjutant: ,
Treasurer: , Chaplain: , Quartermaster: ,

1.1.2. Members Present:

Dick Loney, Steve Frazier, Tim Leahy, Dave Fetters, Mike Jaciuk, Brian LeMessurier, Bill Mathews, Dewey LaGuire-Guinn, Ken Maynard, James Jackson, Art Goatbe, Rudolph Wade, Bob Slivatz, Michael Whittum, Duane Daniels, Bill Schrader, Jon Luker, Paul Ponstein

2. Introduction of guest and new members: None

3. Reports:

3.1. Adjutant Report: Minutes of last meeting, 22 August 2020 distributed by Adjutant Richard Smith. Bob Slivatz motioned to accept, Dave Fetters seconded. Accepted by members present with unanimous voice vote.

3.2. Treasurer's Report: Presented and distributed by Treasurer Mike Reyes, noted that the general chapter account had a balance of \$12,912.95 and the MFM Scholarship account had a balance of \$14,397.44. The accounts will be merged as the scholarship is being converted to a program of supporting the Vassar High School Athletic Department in an annual donation in memory of Michael F. May. A donation of \$250 will be sent to the Robotics team as approved at last meeting. The chapter roster will be reconstructed to note active, inactive, and deceased members on separate pages. Noted that several members, Duane Daniels, Williams, C Belan, and Richard Boylan, have not received their membership cards. Check for \$100 will be issued to Springport VFW for use of their hall. Donation for \$500 to Chapter 7 to help offset the cost of the 2020 SFA Convention cancelation is pending a response from Chapter 7. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn motioned to accept, seconded Tim Leahy. Accepted by members present with unanimous voice vote.

3.3. Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Vinnie Messina noted that cards to express the chapter's sympathies to the families of members suffering loss of lives, best wishes and hope for speedy recoveries were sent to members and their families affected by illness and disease. Duane Daniels's mother died two days before this meeting. Barb Bruce, wife of Don Bruce, is under medical care for treatment of a severe condition. Tibor Bierbaum's son was admitted to hospice. Tim Leahy added that John Sosa is under medical care for dementia as is Andy Brown.

- 3.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd noted the restructuring of the A-Teams is a work in continuous progress to realign the active membership with appropriate teams. A listing of team members and their known email addresses will be developed and distributed. The last attempt to send notifications resulted in 57 messages sent with 6 contact failures.
 - 3.5. **President's Report:** Kirk Newman requested that inactive members be placed on a MIA separate roster. President Newman surrendered to floor to Dewey LaGuire-Quinn to give status report on closing of MFM Scholarship. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn confirmed that the MFM Scholarship has closed due to very weak participation of Vassar High School faculty and students. He thanked the Scholarship Committee members for their work and dedication and advised that the chapter will continue to support the memory of Michael F. May with an annual donation to the VHS Athletic Department. Dewey met with Cindi and Jim Atwood to discuss and confirm the Chapter 55 donation of \$555. Mike Whittum motioned to accept the Scholarship change and annual \$555 donation, seconded by Dave Fetters. Accepted by members present with unanimous hand vote.
 - 3.6. **Quartermaster's Report:** Bob Strange reported that the chapter generated \$760 dollars in sales at the meeting. He is still looking for a supplier for ordering "A2" Jackets for use as Chapter 55 unofficial uniform wear. A lightweight jacket is available to sale at the QM store.
4. **Old Business:**
 - 4.1. **Communications:**
 - 4.1.1. President Newman noted that when contact is established with Chapter 7, he will request that Chapter 7 supply our chapter with Chapter 7 or 2020 convention challenge coins in recognition of the chapter's donation. Dave Fetters requested that the communication also address the status of the Chapter 7 convention raffle as some like he had purchased raffle tickets.
 - 4.1.2. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn submitted a Scholarship Fund report dated 23 August 2020 regarding the Chapter 55 raffle. 500 tickets were printed, 173 sold with ticket stubs returned for a total income of \$1,730.00. There was a \$50 fee for the gaming license. There was a donation of \$175.00 for tickets and \$600 in prizes meted to winners leaving the Chapter with a profit of \$1,080.00.
 - 4.1.3. Prizes: Kylie Strange first place, Bill Mathews second place, and Craig Newberry won third place. Their prize moneys were distributed via checks mailed them.
 5. **New Business:**
 - 5.1. **Chapter Calendar of Meeting dates and locations:**
 - 5.1.1. Winter/Holiday Meeting Dinner Dance, 09 Jan 2021.
 - 5.1.2. Spring 2021 meeting to be determined
 - 5.1.3. National Convention 2021, Oklahoma City 02-07 Jul 2021
 - 5.1.4. Summer Campout to be determined
 - 5.1.5. Fall 2021 meeting to be determined
 - 5.1.6. Winter/Holiday Meeting Dinner Dance, 05 Jan 2022, Host and location to be determined.
 6. **Good of the Order:** Dues are payable until 31 January 2021 without late penalty fee. Kirk Newman has brought about 200 pounds of venison to gift to members and to the Springfield VFW. Motion to purchase a laptop computer for Chapter 55 president by Doug Sherd, Ken Maynard added that the motion should be for \$700 as a fixed allotted payment. Motion modified and was seconded Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, passed with a with unanimous voice vote.
 7. **Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Steve Frazier and seconded by Mike Whittum, meeting adjourned: 1425Hrs.