



American Legion Department of Wisconsin
Department Convention, Middleton, WI
8th District Caucus, Day One, July 16, 2021

1. 8th District Commander Commander Jean Balz called the meeting to order at 0730. The colors being in place, all present rendered a hand salute. The Chaplain gave an opening prayer. The POW/MIA flag was placed on the empty chair by the Sergeant at Arms and Resolution 228 was read by Commander Balz. The 2nd Vice Commander led the Legionnaires in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Balz then led the attendees in the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.
2. Commander Balz declared the meeting regularly convened .
3. The adjutant took the roll. Eight of the nine 8th District officers and five of the six County Commanders were present. Overall, twenty-four Legionnaires representing fourteen posts were in attendance at the opening of the caucus.
4. Various candidates for Department offices visited the Caucus during the caucus and spoke about their qualifications for office.
5. Commander Balz said the minutes from the 2021 8th District Spring Conference and the most recent Executive Board meeting had been posted on the 8th District website for perusal. She asked that they be accepted. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion passed.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Commander Balz reminded Post Commanders to pick up their Department Administrative packets and membership cards at the end of today's caucus.
 - b. She confirmed the names of the 8th District Legionnaires who would serve as Ballot Clerks and Department Assistant Sergeant at Arms on Saturday.
 - c. She also confirmed the names of the 8th District Legionnaires who would attend Department Convention Committee meetings Friday afternoon and report on their activities at the Saturday caucus.
 - d. The caucus then discussed the twenty-five resolutions before the 2021 Department Convention. The resolutions were voted on with the results to be presented at the pertinent Department Convention Committees Friday afternoon.
7. Commander Balz then asked if there was any new business.
 - a. Commander Balz said the 8th District needed a candidate to fill the 3rd Vice Commander position.
 - b. New London Post 263 offered to host the 2021 8th District Fall Conference.

8. Commander Balz asked if there was anything for the good of the American Legion.
9. Commander Balz called on the 8th District Chaplain for prayer. The Sergeant at Arms removed the POW/MIA banner from the empty chair. She then led a salute to the colors and declared the caucus adjourned.

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