

## **Fire Destroys Hepworth-Shallow Lake Legion**



On January 21, 2022, an early morning fire completely destroyed the Hepworth-Shallow Lake Legion, Branch 586. The branch executive is working with the Insurance company, to establish a cost to rebuild.

On March 10, the general membership voted on rebuilding the branch and fund raising has been ongoing, including a “GoFundme” page.

Branch 586 would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the Legion branches that have so generously donated to our rebuild fund.

Working with the Insurance company and the engineering company has been an eye opening experience. The amount of information and details that are required to establish an accurate cost to rebuild is incredible. Plumbing fixtures, electrical components, kitchen information, sound stage, coolers, HVAC, room sizes, etc. The list goes on and on. I encourage any and all Legions to take the time to do a complete inventory of their premises, including all plumbing and electrical components. A hand drawn diagram of all rooms with sizes would have been a godsend for us.

As we proceed with our rebuild, the time is coming that we will have to decide on a design for our new building. The Insurance company has stated that we will have to build with “Like Kind and Quality.” Our

building was approximately 13,500 square feet, which was huge. We are hoping that we can negotiate a slightly smaller and more efficient building design. We have a blank canvas to design the ultimate Legion branch. We invite any, and all, ideas to help us in the design process. What do you like or dis-like about your branch, what works well in the bar area, single storey vs. two storey, storage space, sound stage, etc. etc. Please forward your ideas and input to [jimcopp@bell.net](mailto:jimcopp@bell.net)



Yours in Comradeship

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