

American Legion Post 2007

22 April 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1907 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with Sr. Vice departing early.

No guests or new members in attendance.

The Adjutant read the minutes. Motions to accept by Robert Thomas and seconded by Jerry Sauerwein. Membership accepted the minutes.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with motions to accept by Jerry Sauerwein and were seconded by Doug Reed. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing an increase to 131 paid members for the current year.

John Thomas gave finance Report. Motions to accept subject to audit by Robert Thomas and seconded by Jerry Sauerwein. Membership approved.

Poppies – No report. We still have three dates for the year so far, the first at the Belleville Walmart, May 18th from 9 to 5.

Veteran Affairs – No report.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – We need someone to chair this. Les O'Neal volunteered to be part of the committee, but not chair it. Robert Thomas volunteered to serve as chair.

Gifts to the Yanks – Commander did not have the opportunity to speak to Dutch due to the Division closing the books on the program. The commander did say he would talk to him about getting things out earlier. Les O'Neal stated that we should use the Executive Committee to determine the exact concerns we have so they can be consolidated and presented to Dutch by the Commander.

Boys State – The Commander gave a few words on how important the program was to Carl Bales and though Clyde Minnish usually sponsored one boy, the Post should also endeavor to sponsor a youth.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – None.

Unfinished Business – Renaming of the Post. The Commander read a letter from Charlie's daughter, Terry. Terry was delighted to give her permission to use her father's name for the

Post. The Commander then asked membership what form of Charlie's name should be used for the Post renaming. Les O'Neal suggested the Charles A. Woodford Post 2007. Jerry Sauerwein motioned that this form be used. Billie Juergens seconded the motion. Approval by membership was unanimous.

The Commander would push forward with the necessary forms to make this official.

Elections – The Commander proposed to move elections to May, which would be a change to the by-laws as currently written. Currently the positions of Commander, Senior Vice, Jr. Vice and the 3 year Executive Committee Member are up for election.

Jerry Sauerwein nominated Jim Page as Commander. Jim accepted.

Robin Latdrick nominated Bill Martin as Sr. Vice. Not present to accept/decline.

No nominations for Jr. Vice or the Exec. Committee Member – tabled.

Post Consolidation Report – The Commander stated to look at the form and fill in anything you do in any of the areas, i.e. hours of service, monetary donations, etc. and turn them in as soon as possible so the Post report could be submitted.

New Business

- Drink ticket elimination – the Commander gave the history of the tickets and then stated that the Post could save an average of \$200 - \$240 a year if we all paid for our own drinks. This money could be used towards other areas of need within the Post. Billie Juergens motioned to eliminate the program. Carol Davis seconded the motion. Membership voted to end the program.

- Memorial Day Parade – Robin will check on the availability of a trailer for members who wish to participate, to use instead of walking. John Thomas volunteered his truck to tow the trailer. The parade will be held May 27th.

For the Good of the Legion

- The Commander took donations down to the Haven and met Brenda. He was given a tour and was very impressed with the facility. He had nothing but praise for what Brenda and her husband are doing there. He also stated that they could still use donations of cleaning supplies.

- Bill Juergens and Thomas McCaw will once again represent the Post at Anna Veteran's Hospital.

- The Post has a new Facebook page. Due to Carl's passing, the old page cannot be accessed as administrator, so the Commander created a new one to prevent this problem from happening again.

- The Post also has a new e-mail address that will be accessible by members of the Executive Committee. This replaces the old contact address that, which was Carl Bales' personal e-mail.

Next Meeting to be held on 20 May with Executive Meeting at 1830.

50/50 won by Vincent Dembowski after a false start by Les O'Neal, with \$28 going back to the Post. The Commander gave Vincent and Les a Legion 100 year patch as a bonus prize.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 hrs.