



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



25 April 2022 Minutes

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the excused absence of the Jr. Vice and Executive members Les O'Neal and Jerry Sauerwein.

No guests in attendance.

The March meeting minutes were read with motion to accept with one correction by Doug Jameson and seconded by Robert Thomas. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given with Department showing 139 of 162 for 85.8%. National is showing us at 145 out of 162. Bill Martin indicated he was sending in 3 or 4 cards to Department the week prior to the meeting.

The Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$8,121.34 in the General Fund with \$2,000 set aside for Insurance, \$35 for the Haven, \$66.50 for Gifts for the Yanks and \$229.50 for the Honor Guard with an additional \$3,258.99 in Savings. Rich Gaebel motioned to accept the finance report subject to audit. Seconded by Doug Jameson. Membership approved.

Poppies – We are scheduled for 14 May at Lowes on Greenmount Commons. The Vet Center isn't sure if they can be there.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be April 26th at 7 p.m.

Community Patriotic Observances – The Belleville Memorial Day Parade will be on 30 May ending at Walnut Hill Cemetery where the ceremony will be held. The Commander will talk to the city to see what our roll will be.

Honor Guard – The Commander ordered 10 bib scarfs for the Honor Guard. Rich Gabel presented the new bugle gadget that plays 10 tunes. He stated they would have training at 1000 on Wednesday at the Improvement Center. There would be flags, a mock casket and rifles that the trainer will bring from Maryville. Carol Davis volunteered for the Honor Guard.

Americanism – No report

Boy Scouts – The Commander will be attending the Department Committee meeting in Bloomington on May 7th. Two candidates in the entire state put in applications for the Legion Scholarship. Three additional applications subsequently showed up.

Constitution and By Laws – Robert Thomas stated that our bylaws needed to be amendment to fall in line with the proper format. He would make the necessary changes and present it to the Post for review.

Gifts to the Yanks – No report.

Children and Youth – No report.

Oratorical – We will be inviting Breezy Gray to our May meeting. There were no Illinois winners at National.

Boys State – we want to sponsor at least one boy. Donations are being accepted for this endeavor. They are shooting for 500 boys this year.

Post Recognition Dinner – this will be held on 23 May. The Post intends to recognize Swansea's Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. The Post voted to cover the cost of the meal for the guest and their significant other. The Commander suggested that a gift of \$100 each for the Firefighter and Police Officer. A motion was made by Rich Gaebel to provide the funds. It was seconded by Robin Latdrick. Membership voted for approval.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – Les O'Neal is still in the hospital. He is currently in Room 104 of the Memorial Car Center. His wife thanked the members for their cards, well wishes and prayers. She says he has made improvement over the past few days.

Unfinished Business –

Flag Collection Barrel – the project will be put on hold for now. We'll look for a scout needing an Eagle project to help us with this need.

McAlister's Fundraiser – Corporate has placed all fundraising events on hold.

Sign on Swansea Improvement Center – No new updates.

Post Polo Shirts – The first order has been received and most already distributed. A small second order has been placed. The order should be in this week. The Commander placed an order for three shirts today and can place another order as he receives the money.

Fundraiser at Bennie's Pizza Pub – Bennie wasn't available when the Commander visited. He will try again later.

Blood Drive – The Commander called the coordinator but has not received a response back yet.

Post Flag – The flag has been ordered.

A motion was made by Doug Jameson to suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of nominations of Post Officers. This was seconded by Andrew Dunham.

- Post Commander – Jim Page was nominated for another term. Jim accepted. There were no other nominations for the position.

- Sr. Vice – Jennifer Howsare, Doug Reed and Andrew Dunham were all nominated and all declined. Doug Jameson was nominated and he accepted.
- Jr. Vice – Bill Martin was nominated.
- Executive Committee
 - One Year to be Andrew Dunham
 - Two Year to be Les O’Neal
 - Three Year – Robert Thomas was nominated and he accepted.

Doug Jameson motioned to resume the regular meeting. Seconded by Robert Thomas.

New Business –

- Flag Collection Event will be held on 21 May from 0900 to Noon at the St. Clair Township Building at 107 Service Street.

Memorial to Departed Members – no news of any members passing.

For the Good of the Legion – no remarks

50/50 Results – Won by a guest who was attending for the Korean Peace Medal ceremony following the meeting. They donated the \$18 back to the trumpet fund.

Next Meeting to be held on 23 May with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 1949 hrs.