

American Legion Post 2007

10 December 2018 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present.

No guests in attendance.

The minutes were read by the Adjutant. Motioned to accept by John Thomas and seconded by Robert Thomas and accepted by membership.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with motion by Robert Thomas to accept and seconded by Carl Bales`. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing an increase to 115 paid members for the current year. We're close to the 75% mark.

Finance Report was given by Robert Thomas. Carl Bales motioned to accept subject to audit and seconded by John Thomas. Membership approved.

Poppies – We will try for 3 dates at the Belleville WalMart, 1 at the O'Fallon WalMart and possibly one at the Swansea Schnucks. Still looking for fundraising ideas. Also looking for place to put fundraising jars.

Veteran Affairs – No meeting in November, so no report.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Americanism – Lincoln Pilgrimage coming up on 11-12 February. Legion Birthday coming up on 15 March. National Guard Birthday is celebrating 381 years on 13 December.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – Carl Bales has the bylaws. The commander will try to post to Facebook for people to view and comment.

Gifts to the Yanks – Les O'Neal gave times and dates for handing out the gifts; 11 December at 1400 at Sycamore Village and 15 December at 1030 at Mercy. Only two gifts available this year. Need volunteers to help out and visit. They will also be putting flags on veteran's door frames. Les related a few stories about past memorable visits.

Children and Youth program – No report.

Oratorical – competition is coming up in March.

Boys State – No report.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – A card was sent to Bill Cummins. Tom Sheeler's wife is still in the hospital. Bill Jurgens will probably not make any more meetings due to health.

Unfinished Business – Vietnam Lapel Pins – The POC was sent 19 names and she wanted to know meeting days in January and February.

New Business – None.

Memorial to Departed Members – Donald Parker's funeral was held at Renner's Funeral Home on 6 December. It took about an hour to get through the line. In addition to his widow, there were 12 kids. They were happy to have Legion members show-up. A poppy was placed in the casket and one given to the widow. Renner's did a nice job.

For the Good of the Legion – Starbucks has a program where you can buy a card and write a personal note and the company will send it to a service member. Carl Bales found a copy of the original sign in sheet for the first Post meeting. Carl also gave a call for members to step up for a position in the Post. There's plenty of positions available.

Roger mentioned that the Schnuck's escript program had been expanded with the money coming back to you.

Next Meeting to be held at on 28 January with Executive Meeting at 1830.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hrs.

50/50 was won by Tom McCaw with him receiving \$17 and a Legion coin from the Commander.