

Charles A. Woodford American Legion Post 2007

30 December 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1902 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except Treasurer John Thomas who is in the hospital and Executive Committee member Les O'Neal.

Guests in attendance Betty Sheeler.

Minutes of previous meeting were read with motion to approve by Bill Martin and seconded by Bob Burack and approved by membership.

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

Membership - Sr. Vice stated we were at 120 total or about 87% paid up.

Finance Report – No report given due to the Treasurer's hospitalization.

Poppies – No report.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson stated no report due to no meeting this month.

Community Patriotic Observances – no report.

Americanism – no report.

Boy Scouts – no report.

Constitution and By Laws – we need to get this completed.

Gifts to Yanks – the post visited two area centers. The gifts were well received by the veterans. One Korean vet was touched that someone had thought of him though he had only been in the center for about a week.

Children and Youth – no report.

Oratorical – we can't seem to get into schools due to lack of cooperation on the part of the school administrations.

Boys State – we have a member that wishes to send their grandson. The Commander stated we should sponsor the boy.

No other reports given for the additional program areas.

Sick Call – John Thomas is in St. Elizabeth's and may be coming home on Wednesday.

Unfinished Business – The Commander reminded membership of the next McAlister's fundraising date on 4 February.

New Business – Bob Burrack volunteered as interim treasurer until John Thomas could resume his post.

The Commander asked for ideas in how the Post could become more involved in the community. Suggestions were:

1. A Color Guard for the POW/MIA ceremony in Swansea in September.
2. Being involved in the Memorial Day program in Swansea.
3. Cemetery cleanup prior to the December 7th ceremony on Old Collinsville Rd.
4. A community BBQ
5. Kids Day at the Mounds

There were no known departed members.

For the Good of the Legion – It was mentioned that the VFW was looking for Eagle Scout submissions for a scholarship.

A discussion was made on the feasibility of purchasing a microphone/speaker system to use at meetings. The cost was around \$160. The Commander would look into it.

Next Meeting will be held on 27 January with Executive Meeting at 1830.

50/50 won by Andrew Dunham who donated the \$13 back to the post.

Meeting adjourned at 2003 hrs.