



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



December 28, 2022

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

Roll of Post officers was called Commander Page, Adjutant Devine, Finance Officer Burrack, Sgt at Arms Green, (Executive Committee) Robert Thomas, all present. Excused were JrV Martin, Executive Board Member Kori Bookman, and Sgt at Arms Stacy. Absent were Executive Committee Member Andrew Dunham.

The Sgt. At Arms introduced April Tarbill from Post 58 in attendance.

November 2022 meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Steve Duff and seconded by Mary Monett. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing the post currently has 120 paid members out of 150, 80%, for the current year. Gold cards were received for Jennifer and Robert McCarty. We may have 5 more due to a check that was received by the Finance Officer.

The Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$3,219.16 in Savings and \$6,831.84 in Checking for a total of \$10,051.00 with \$2,249.00 reserved for insurance, vet visitation program and Honor Guard. Motioned to accept, subject to audit by Steve Duff, seconded by John Boothe. Membership approved.

Poppies – Steve Duff contacted Schnucks at Swansea. They told him to contact corporate. He found a form for solicitation which required our Tax ID and other documents which were submitted for May 20th. We are still waiting on a reply. Schnucks allows three solicitations per year.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be January 31st at 7 p.m.

Community Patriotic Observances – Mike King, Post 1937, is working to revitalize the Belleville Memorial Day Parade. He will provide updates when they become available. Robin mentioned there may be an unused float available to use for members that cannot walk the distance. Steve Duff asked about the availability of flag bearer straps stating they were needed for the 7 December ceremony. This will be looked into.

Honor Guard – Doug Jameson will be leading the team while Rich is out of town for several weeks. Rich voiced his concern over the amount of time it is taking to get the rifles. The Commander stated there is a very heavy carbon build-up and the volunteer was trying to find a way to safely clean them. Once the weapons are ready, Rich wants training to include working with another post during a funeral so members can be familiarized with the process. Rich also stated he still had an extra ascot available.

Americanism – We've received information on the Essay contest.

Boy Scouts – We've also received the latest information for awards and scholarships. We will be sending it to our scout units soon.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks – Robin stated that they would be visiting Mercy on Wednesday at 1:30 to hand out gifts. Afterwards they would be dropping gifts off at Cambridge House. She also stated there were new vets, so we are up to 20 now. Mercy will have all the vets in the common room and the bags will be distributed. Cambridge House has COVID, so it will be a drop off there. Kudos to the committee for getting it all together in a short amount of time.

Children and Youth – No report

Oratorical – We have received information for this program, but it may not happen at the Division and District level due to non-participation.

Boys State – Information was received for this program as well. We will sponsor one boy if we can find one.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees – Safety, Law and Order. The Commander received information for the Youth Cadet Academy on June 18th thru 23rd. He also has information on the Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He will get the information to both the Fire and Police Chiefs.

Sick Call – Jerry Sauerwein has tested positive for COVID, Jennifer Howsare has been around people who have COVID

Unfinished Business

1. Building Sign still needs installation

3. Ceremonial Weapons – Still being cleaned and being readied for use and storage. One weapon has been cleaned.

Correspondence

1. Package from Department. Most of the items were program information.

2. Flag Retirement Ceremony

- Will be held on either June 10th or 17th at Messinger Cemetery
- We will have scouts to help
- We plan on inviting vets from the Assisted Living centers to attend
- We'll have hot dogs and other food available
- We need to have a Committee Chair for this event

3. McAlister's Fundraiser to be held January 25th at the Shiloh location from 5 – 8 p.m. We will need to sign a release form.

New Business - None

Memorial to Departed Members – Had a moment of silence for Norm Wilke.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Last meeting it was brought up about putting wreaths on veteran graves at Messinger Cemetery. The Commander checked with Sandy's Back Porch Gardens in Belleville. They could provide them at a cost of \$50 per wreath. We may need to see if we can get them from Wreaths Across America or someplace else.
2. Steve Duff asked about the scout troop status. Adjutant Devine explained that though the immediate transfer of sponsorship was approved months ago, the council had sat on the paperwork and had not signed the approval form yet. That was being fast tracked as the council was informed the troops would not process the recharter paperwork until the system reflected the change.

50/50 Results – \$14 to Jerry Sauerwein, he donated back to Veterans Visitation. Total amount \$28

Next Meeting to be held on January 23rd at 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 2006 hours