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American Legion Post 2007



28 February 2022 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1911 hrs. by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the excused absence of Sgt at Arms Gary Stacey.

No guests or special presenters were in attendance.

January meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Steve Duff and seconded by Doug Jameson. Minutes approved by membership with one correction.

The Membership Report was given but there are currently three different numbers between ours, Department and National. Membership will be an issue. We will need to work together to make calls to those who have not paid yet. We do not expect Bill Martin to do all the work.

The Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$6025.34 in the General Fund, \$35 set aside for the Haven, \$66.50 for Gifts for the Yanks and \$147.50 for the Honor Guard with an additional \$3,268.89 in Savings. Steve Duff motioned to accept the finance report subject to audit. Seconded by Doug Jameson. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Poppy Chair stated he was working on getting dates for two times at Lowes and 1 time at Menards.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be March 29th at 7 p.m.

Community Patriotic Observances – There will be a Belleville Memorial Day Parade this year. Waiting on more information.

Honor Guard – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – The Adjutant spoke on the ongoing efforts to sponsor two scout units. Currently things are still in the air concerning the old sponsoring organization. Their board needs to have another vote to determine if they are going to continue their sponsorship or release them so the Post can sponsor them.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – Jennifer's proposed plan that was submitted at the Executive Meeting would expand the Post's contact with veteran's residing in facilities to more than just a once a year visit and gift at Christmas. She would also like to have cards sent to them at various points in the year. The Commander spoke on how the program as a whole may have problems in the future due to the funding issues experienced over the past two years. We will likely end up funding the program ourselves in the coming years.

Children and Youth – No report.

Oratorical – We are waiting on information from our contact. Breezy will go to Department.

Boys State – Clyde Minish will be stepping down from his position. We will need someone to replace him.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – no report of any sick members.

Unfinished Business –

Horseshoe Pit – Tabled until Spring.

Flag Collection Barrel – The Commander is still investigating a possible change in barrel. Manufactured bullet-styled bins with lids are about \$200 and under depending on size. Steve Duff discussed maybe advertising ahead of time prior to placement. He also mentioned having schools advertise and have students bring flags in for collection. Steve also said he may have a source for additional barrels. Les spoke on picking locations where the barrels can be secured.

McAlister's Fundraiser – still no update from McAlister's on when and if they will continue the program.

Sign on Swansea Improvement Center – Still no news.

Post Polo Shirts – signup sheet is in the back for members to place orders.

Mission Blue – the Post can be reimbursed for insurance costs since we do not own our own building. So far, we have received \$2,000.

Post Recognition – We need to discuss the costs, menu, meal vs. finger food buffet or grill hamburgers and hot dogs.

Legion Insurance – The Commander spoke on the benefits of signing up. There is no cost to the member, but you must be in good standing, a.k.a. dues paid up.

New Business –

- Nominations for Post Officers will be in April and May with Elections in May.
- Fundraiser at Bennie's Pizza – nothing has been done yet. We need to still check if it can be done.

Memorial to Departed Members – Harold Rushing passed. Doug Jameson filled in for the Commander during the Post's Farewell service to Harold.

For the Good of the Legion –

- Les proposed a visitation to Tom Schuler on a regular schedule. Les would make arrangements for visits on an at least monthly basis. He will check with the family and the Assisted Living facility. Robin will add Tom's name to the card list. We have some GTTY gifts left over that we can give to Tom.

- The Commander spoke on the 2910 list. He said he sent out 12 emails and got two responses; one had moved and 1 wants to come to a meeting.
- The Commander then gave fun facts on hat etiquette.
- Steve Duff brought up the subject of the Post flag replacement. We still need to get a good estimate. Steve stated he would donate \$100 and encouraged others to donate as well.
- The subject of a burn pit at Messinger Cemetery was also brought up. We still need to check with both the SCCHS and Swansea Fire Department.

50/50 Results – Won by Jim Wilson, who donated his \$21 winnings back to the Honor Guard program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2043 hrs.