

Charles A. Woodford



American Legion Post 2007

27 July 2020 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with the exception of Executive Committee member, Jerry Sauerwein.

The Sgt at Arms introduce two new members, Eric and Ralph and guest Don Scheyer, 22nd District Commander, in attendance.

No minutes were available for the previous meeting in February.

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

The Membership Report was given showing 43 currently paid members for the current year. The Commander will collect any renewals and new memberships to be turned in at an upcoming District event.

The Finance Officer gave his Report. Motions to accept subject to audit by Steve Duff and seconded by Richard Gaebel. Membership approved.

Poppies – The Poppy Chair reported that we are out of poppies. Our last collection date was cancelled due to the pandemic procedures put in place at Walmart. He would look to see if an alternative location can be found. For now, the upcoming Poppy Day on November 7th is still on.

Veteran Affairs – No report. Given due to the local Veterans meetings being cancelled due to the pandemic.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws –Robert Thomas will have the amended By Laws printed up for next meeting. Copies will be given and/or mailed to membership for review and approval.

Gifts to the Yanks – No word yet from above on the program.

Children and Youth – area schools are still being difficult in allowing access for our Legion programs.

Boys State – Cancelled this year due to the pandemic. We received our check back.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – None.

Unfinished Business –

Messinger Cemetery

- December 7th Ceremony will be discussed at the upcoming off-site Executive Meeting.
- Clean-up days will be scheduled and the dates/time e-mailed to members and posted on Facebook.
- Color Guard uniforms and ceremony planning to be discussed at the Executive Meeting.
- An arborist did come in and gave an estimate for \$10K to remove trees and branches. There is the possibility of state help for funding if the right connections can be made.

State Charitable Report – Finance officer sent in both the report and check. He will also take care of the 2020 report.

Sound System – The Commander purchased a portable system with two microphones and the Post is welcomed to use it.

Flag Retirement – Les O’Neal and Bill Martin will look into partnering with a local scout unit to retire flags.

New Business

- Richard Gaeble stated the O’Fallon VA CPOC was open but limited to 3 people at a time.

For the Good of the Legion

- Illinois Service-Connected Disabled Veteran (ISERVE) License Plates may be issued at no cost for the first set of plates to any U.S. Armed Forces veteran if 1) the veteran holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs; and 2) the veteran whose degree of disability has been declared to be 50 percent or more, but whose disability does not qualify the veteran for a plate or decal for persons with disabilities under. It should be noted that this only applies to currently titled vehicles/first time issuance. Further information can be found on the state DMV website.
- The 22nd District Commander took a few minutes to say that he’s confident we’ll hear a lot about membership in the upcoming months. All Membership Chairs should be looking for new members. All members should have a 1 minute speech ready on why they belong so they can give it to any prospective member.

50/50 Results – won by Don Scheyer with \$17 going to the Haven.

Next Meeting to be held on 24 August with Executive Meeting held on Saturday, August 8th at 0830 at the Abbey on West Main.

Meeting adjourned at 1949 hrs.

