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American Legion Post 2007



27 June 2022 Minutes

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officer's present except the excused absence of the Executive member Les O'Neal.

Guests in attendance were Holly Walker, Lauri Anderson, Mike Kling (Post 1937) and Chris Coulter.

Special Guest Presentation was given by Holly Walker and Lauri Anderson on Dignity Memorial. The ladies spoke on the number of vets that pass away each day. They discussed the VA approved guide that lists all benefits that vets have concerning burial at a National cemetery. They emphasized the need to have a plan for the disposition of their remains. They ladies would be available in the back to make appointments for members to discuss their options. The Commander emphasized that the Legion was not sponsoring this.

The May meeting minutes were read with motion to accept with one correction by Doug Jameson and seconded by Andrew Dunham. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given with a final count of 150 members for a 92.59% total of last year's membership. The Commander expressed his disappointment in not reaching 100%. We need to find out why those 12 members chose not to renew. The Executive Committee discussed having a membership meeting on 27 July. Bill Martin needs help and we need to figure out what to do next. We also have one member that is not showing up on the report as being paid, yet everything shows he did. This will need further research.

The Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$6,288.99 in the General Fund with \$2,000 set aside for Insurance, \$35 for the Haven, \$66 for Gifts for the Yanks and \$495.50 for the Honor Guard with an additional \$3,249.01 in Savings. Doug Jameson motioned to accept the finance report subject to audit. Seconded by Robin Latdrick. Membership approved. The Finance Officer also stated we had two bills that needed to be paid – one for the bugle and one for the P.O. box. Membership voted to extend the P.O. box rental for 6 months and to use the funds set aside for the Honor Guard to pay the bulk of the bugle bill with the rest coming from the General Fund.

Poppies – Next date is October 1 at Lowes in Belleville.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be June 28th at 7 p.m. Doug Jameson stated it would be held on the second floor this time due to the first floor being used for another event.

Community Patriotic Observances – The Post participated in the ceremony at Walnut Hill with several other area veteran organizations.

Honor Guard – No report

Americanism – Get out and vote. Robin stated that pamphlets for candidates are online. She has the web address if needed and strongly encouraged members to vote. The Commander said that 34 flags were collected at the Swansea Township office for proper retirement.

Boy Scouts – No report

Constitution and Bylaws – No report

Gifts to the Yanks – We need to start working on funds for our program since it is doubtful the program will have adequate funding at District and State levels. We will also need to find if there are any other homes now that Sycamore has closed and the other home reports that are no veterans residing in their facility. Jennifer will ensure Les gets something.

Children and Youth – No report

Oratorical – No report

Boys State – The goal was 500 participants. Only 168 youth applied this year.

Rehabilitation – No report

Employment – No report

Education – No report

Post Service Officer Report – The Commander said he has a person that once served as a service officer. She may join the post and get herself recertified.

National Security – No report

Sick Call – Les O'Neal has been moved to a facility in Shiloh. Alison has been having a hard time with Les. They are still working on a treatment for him. Jennifer is having back problems.

Unfinished Business –

- Flag Collection Boxes – We will look to local scout troops to see if they have any youth in need of an Eagle scout project.
- Sign on the Building – The Commander resubmitted a request to United Ink for a quote
- Post Flag – There were a lot of problems with Emblem Sales losing the order. We have received an email that they finally placed the order.
- Horseshoe Pits – Kenney will start working it.

New Business –

- Possible fundraiser – The Commander spoke on Tidal Wave Carwash on Frank Scott Drive. It's a new facility. We would have to buy 100 tickets and sell them within 30 days. The tickets are for a \$20 car wash and sold for only \$10. We keep \$5 of each ticket sold. Unsold tickets that are returned are subject to a restocking fee. The Commander will talk to them on the details.

Memorial to Departed Members – no news of any members passing.

For the Good of the Legion – Doug Jameson said that on the first Tuesday of the month, VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon would have a VA member there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help vets that are having problems with the VA.

50/50 Results – Won by Bob Inman who donated his \$23 winnings back to the Honor Guard.

Next Meeting to be held on 25 July with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2009 hrs.