

American Legion Post 2007

25 March 2019 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1908 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the Senior and Junior Vice.

The Commander announced the loss of Legionnaires Carl Bales on 21 March and Billie Cummins on 22 March.

Mark Elmore was identified as a new member in attendance.

The minutes were read by the Adjutant. Motions to accept and were seconded were made. Membership accepted the minutes.

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

The Membership Report was given showing an increase to 127 paid members for the current year.

John Thomas gave finance Report. Motions to accept subject to audit and seconded. Membership approved. Bill Meister stated that he had submitted the 2019 form for non-profit organization.

Poppies – No report. We still have 3 dates for the year so far.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson stated that an individual that had asked for assistance from the Post had also asked other area veteran organizations. He was being vetted to ensure he was entitled to services. A centralized process is needed to better serve cases such as this. Doug would serve as our POC.

This year's Memorial Day parade will be managed by Belleville and not the veteran organizations. The ceremony following the parade would still be managed by the vets.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – Bill Meister stated that ILDNR taken over the Mounds, so Bill had been “retired” as the onsite merit badge counsellor.

Constitution and By Laws – copies were available on the hand out table in back.

Gifts to the Yanks – Commander would speak to Dutch about our concerns with the program.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – None.

Unfinished Business – Renaming of the Post. A letter to Charlie's daughter, Terry is being reviewed prior to being sent out. We need to get everything done as soon as possible due to the possibility of Terry moving out of the area this summer.

New Business

- Commander's Comments – the Commander has created a newsletter with comments and notes of upcoming events available on the back table. He will try to have one every meeting.
- Elections are coming up starting in April.
- Post Consolidation Report – need information back from members so the form can be submitted.
- Quilt Raffle – tickets are available from the Commander, \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. Proceeds are for the 5th District Hospitality and Division supported veterans' programs.
- Haven List of Donations – need to get in any donations as soon as possible so the Commander could take them to the Haven. There was a possibility of donations from the base.

Memorial to Departed Members

- Bill Juergens eulogized Billie Cummins. Visitation was to be on Saturday, 28 March at the Union United Methodist Church on Main Street in Belleville.
- The Commander eulogized Carl Bales. Visitation was on Friday, 27 March between 4 and 8 p.m. he requested that available members show up at 7 p.m. at Valhalla Funeral Home on Frank-Scott Parkway in Belleville.

For the Good of the Legion – Bill Juergens and Thomas McCaw represented the Post at Anna Veteran's Hospital.

Next Meeting to be held on 22 April with Executive Meeting at 1830.

50/50 won by Carol Davis, with \$34 split between her and the Post. The Commander gave Ms. Davis a Legion 100 year coin and patch as a bonus prize.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hrs.