



**Charles A. Woodford**  
**American Legion Post 2007**



**22 March 2021 Minutes**

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the excused absence of the Finance Officer and Executive Committee members Andrew Dunham and Jerry Sauerwein.

February meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Robin Latdrick and seconded by Robert Thomas. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing 153 paid members for the current year putting us at 100%.

The Finance Officer was not present but provided the report via email. We currently have \$3,303.76 in savings and \$7,132.32 in checking with an additional \$17 earmarked for the Haven, \$18 for Gifts to the Yanks and \$70 for the Honor Guard.

Poppies – There's still no information because we have not reached Level 5 for COVID. If we cannot get a large venue for the sale, we will do a smaller collection on a Friday night during the Fish Fry.

Veteran Affairs – No change.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Honor Guard – No report

Americanism – Still working on a design.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – The program may go away due to the lack of donations this past year. We can pick the program up locally. The Division committee Chair for Gifts to the Yanks is stepping down. There's currently no replacement.

Oratorical – The program was cancelled at all levels. Participants were given a cash award.

Boys State – It will still happen. They are still working out the details with Eastern Illinois University. The post should sponsor a participant in memory of Carl Bales. We still need to find a candidate.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – The Sr. Vice, Doug Jameson, is dealing with both COVID and diabetes. Jr. Vice Robert Thomas is recovering from COVID. Robin Latdrick has been dealing with back and neck issues and taking shots for it. The Commander is also still recovering from COVID. He related his experience and recommended the shots. Les spoke on his positive experience with the VA on both his trips to see them. Jerry Sauerwien had a fever that broke but is dealing with coughing fits. Andrew Dunham is dealing with Gout.

Unfinished Business –

Flag Boxes – No progress as of yet.

Post Auxiliary – Less is still taking information from those that are interested in joining.

Blood Drive – We collected 9 units. This can help up to 27 people. We would like to do a second drive at a later date.

New Business –

- Nominations for Post Officers will start in April and conclude in May. Elections to be held at the May General Meeting.
- Dues
  - Department is forwarding a request for per capita increase of \$4 at the Department Convention in July.
  - If the raise is approved, \$16.50 will go to Department and \$18.50 will go to National. That is \$35.
  - If we do not raise our dues, we will receive \$0 for each member in 2021. We currently receive \$4 per for an annual total of \$608.
  - If we do raise dues, the Post will need decide how much.
  - Vote was deferred until the next meeting.

Memorial to Departed Members – The Commander announced that Mr. Renner passed away last year. He talked to his widow recently.

For the Good of the Legion

- Messinger Cemetery cleanup on April 3rd. We need someone to put together a plan for Rose's grave. We can possibly put in a rose bush. The plan will need to be approved by the SCHS.
- Robert Cullipher spoke on the American Legion car donation program. He stated it was a fairly easy process.

50/50 Results – Harold Rushing won \$7 which he donated back to the General Fund.

Next Meeting to be held on 26 April with Executive Meeting at 1830 hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hrs.