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American Legion Post 2007



24 May 2021 Minutes

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

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with the exception of the Junior Vice and Executive Committee member Jerry Sauerwein and the excused absence of the Finance Officer.

The Sgt at Arms introduced guest Kori Bookman.

April meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Bill Martin. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing 158 paid members for the current year putting us at 103%.

There was no finance report due to the absence of the Finance Officer.

Poppies – we currently have a Poppy Day scheduled for 24 July, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenmount Commons Lowe's.

Veteran Affairs – The SCCVAC may resume meetings in July.

Community Patriotic Observances – there is a Memorial Day event at the Walnut Hill Cemetery, May 31st at 11 a.m. with show time at 10:30 a.m. One of the local post commanders will give a speech. The names of departed members between 2019 to 2021 will be read. Rich Gaebel will bring his PA set. If it rains, the ceremony will move to another location. The Commander and Robert Thomas will go out on the 27th to put flags out. Lunch to follow at Silver Creek Saloon for those who wish to go.

Honor Guard – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – We need a better contact point at the local council so we can partner with them with scouts for Legion programs.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – No report.

Children and Youth – The Commander went to Wolf Branch Middle School on 21 May and presented four Scholarship Awards.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – Tom Sheeler, Victor's wife and somebody's brother had a valve replacement.

Unfinished Business –

Flag Boxes – A partial plan has been created. Need to have it turned into a blueprint.

Post Auxiliary – Les will get info from service and a list of emails and send it out.

Horseshoe Pit – No report.

Post flag – The Commander will explore replacement cost.

Doug Jameson motioned to suspend the normal meeting in order to conduct elections for Post positions. Andrew Dunham seconded. Membership approved.

Three positions had only 1 name submitted and accepted for nomination. The Adjutant cast his ceremonial vote for Jim Page as Commander, Bill Martin and Jr. Vice and Les O'Neal as the 3 yr Executive Committee Member.

Senior Vice had two nominations for Robert Thomas and Doug Jameson. Votes were cast for each ending in a tie vote. A revote was motioned by Rich Gaebel and seconded by Steve Duff. The revote was conducted with Doug Jameson obtaining additional votes and was elected to the position.

Doug Jameson motioned to resume normal business which was seconded by Andrew Dunham. Membership approved to continue.

It was noted that the cleanup at Messinger Cemetery on the previous Saturday was conducted by three members. There wasn't a lot to do, but the grass did need to be mowed.

New Business –

- The Commander announced he was able to schedule a fundraiser for the Post at the Shiloh McAlister's for Jun 9th, 5-8 p.m., however due an unexpected personal scheduling conflict, he would see if he could have it moved to July.
- The Senior Vice suggested to hold a fundraising event at the Messinger Cemetery in conjunction with the St. Clair County Historical Society. Suggestions of food, games for kids, possibly a military band in order to raise funds for the schoolhouse renovation. Robin Latdrick suggested inviting scouts. Rich Gaebel suggested that a flag folding ceremony be held with speaker to describe the meaning behind each fold.
- The Commander read the Resolution concerning approval of per capita increase.
- The Commander then turned the meeting over to the Sr. Vice. The Sr. Vice then read the resolution to nominate Jim Page and Robert Thomas as delegates to the 22nd District Convention. Robin Latdrick expressed concern about the Commander having the ability and time to do both commander posts. The Commander assured her it wouldn't be a problem. Rich Gaebel then motioned to approve the nominations. Steve Duff seconded. Membership approved.

Memorial to Departed Members – The Commander announced that Legion member Francis Gross had passed away on 16 May. He went to the viewing and presented a certificate of transfer to Post Everlasting. A poppy was also placed in the casket. The family was grateful for the representation and certificate.

For the Good of the Legion –

- The Commander is working on rebuilding his email listing due to a computer glitch that deleted them.
- Wolf Branch is looking for donations for the Veteran's Plaza. They still need 25% of their goal of \$65,000. Steve Duff is the POC for any donations.
- Robin Latdrick explained the purpose of the POW table and what each item signified. A Moment of Silence was held.

50/50 Results – Victor won \$21 which he donated back to the Honor Guard Fund.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2032 hrs.