



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



November 28, 2022

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

Roll of Post officers was called Commander Page, Finance Officer Burrack, Sgt at Arms Stacey, (Executive Committee) Andrew Dunham, Kori Bookman, all present. Excused were JrV Martin, Executive Board Member Robert Thomas, Adjutant Devine, and Sgt at Arms Green

The Sgt. At Arms, no guest to introduce. We did have one of our Past Commanders attending, Bill Meister.

October 2022 meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Steve Duff and seconded by Doug Jameson. Minutes approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing the post currently has 120 paid members out of 150, 80%, for the current year. A couple questions concerning Paid Up for Life membership. There were no known reductions in cost at this time.

The Finance Officer provided a breakdown of the post's accounts with \$3,224.16 in Savings and \$9,271.59 in Checking. There is one outstanding check in the amount of \$120 for membership. Motioned to accept, subject to audit by Steve Duff, seconded by Rich Gaebel. Membership approved.

Poppies – Last event was held on November 5th at Menards. We collected \$1,192.22. The Poppy Chair made the recommendation to dispense all funds collected from the three events during 2022 as follows: \$115 each to Camp Hope and USO Missouri; \$200 each to Mayfest, The Joseph Center, Fischer House, Honor Flight of Southern IL, The Haven, Quincy Veterans Home, Anna Veterans Home, and Marion VA Hospital; \$275 each to Gifts to the Yanks and Veterans Visitation, \$298.00 for the purchase of 2000 poppies. \$2.00 will be put in Savings for later use. Mary Monett motioned to expend the funds as noted, seconded by Robin Latdrick, membership approved. Read a letter from Menards about the comments made about Anson at Menards. Steve Duff asked to see if he could get with Schnuck's Staff to schedule a Poppy Day. He was encourage to try.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting of the St. Clair VAC will be November 29 at 7 p.m.

Community Patriotic Observances – We will have a Pearl Harbor Ceremony on December 7 at Messinger Cemetery. Filled out sheet for participants.

Honor Guard – No Report

Americanism – Collected 9 flags at the Township Recycle event. The Township said we could put a flag collection box in their lobby. In the correspondence, we received information about a program to purchase American flags and give them to people. There were some rules for the people receiving the flags.

Boy Scouts – No Report

Constitution and By Laws – No Report

Gifts to the Yanks – Jennifer was not available, so Robin provided information. We have 14 vets which includes Les O’Neal and Tom Sheeler. There were a few vets that had past or moved into rehab in the past few weeks. The homes had expressed that most of the vets do not need clothing as the family is providing clothing. One vet needs a “closet”. Committee to report back about a rack to hang clothes. There are cards on the back table to be signed. No news from the District/Division GTTY rep about delivery of ordered items.

Children and Youth – Essay contests are due by Feb 3, 2023

Oratorical – Division Contest scheduled for January 7, 2023. This may not take place. Participants are not returning calls and emails.

Boys State – June 10-16, 2023. \$300 to sponsor a boy to attend. For juniors becoming seniors.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment - No Report

Post Service Officer Report – No Report

Other Committees – No Report

Sick Call – Jerry Sauerwein has tested positive for COVID, Jennifer Howsare has been around people who have COVID

Unfinished Business

1. Horse Pits – tabled until Spring 2023, warmer weather
2. Building Sign still needs installation
3. Ceremonial Weapons – Still being cleaned and being readied for use and storage. One weapon has been cleaned.

Correspondence

1. Package from Department. Most of the items were program information.
2. Department Newsletter
3. Received two Gold Cards for Jennifer Howsare and Robert McCarty
4. Received a note from Betty Sheeler. She was thanking us for remembering Tom.
5. Photo in the SCCHS newsletter showing the work on the fire pit.
6. Program Highlight for December from the 5th Division JrV, Scouting. There was a discussion about scholarships to State Universities.

New Business

1. Cut checks for Poppy donations

2. Rich Gaebel has donated Eagle statues to the Post. These eagles can be used for just about anything. There was a discussion about using them for GTTY, Post awards, Assisted Living Center Thank you, Historical Society, etc. It was agreed that one Eagle would go to Les ONeal, Tom Scheeler, and the Veterans Committee at Wolf Branch School. The remaining Eagles will be dispersed at a later date.

Memorial to Departed Members – Had a moment of silence for Tom McCaw, Tom past November 16th. He was a Charter member of the Post, VFW Member, Masonic Member, Past Commander of the Korean War Veterans Chapter.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Recruit a member get a pin for your cap.

2. Wreath Across America. Go to the website to donate and/or sign up.

3. Can we get wreaths for Messinger Cemetery?

4. Messinger Clean Up December 3rd. Will be getting ready for December 7 Pearl Harbor Ceremony.

50/50 Results – \$25 to Jim Wilson, he donated back to Veterans Visitation. Total amount \$50

Next Meeting to be held on December 19 at 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 2023 hours