

American Legion Post 2007

24 September 2018 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1906 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present except the Senior Vice, Junior Vice and Exec. Committee Mbr Sauerwein.

No guests in attendance.

The minutes were read by the Adjutant. Douglas Reed motioned to accept, seconded by Legionaire Weil with minutes accepted by membership.

The Executive Meeting minutes were read with a brief discussion on the Post's insurance premium doubling this year. Carl Bales motioned to accept, seconded by Doug Jameson. Minutes were voted on and approved by membership.

The Membership Report was given showing at 77 current members for the current year.

Finance Report was given by Roger Homeier. John Thomas motioned to accept subject to audit and seconded by Robert Thomas.

The Commander announced that John Thomas would be taking on the Treasurer's position.

The Poppy Chair stated we cannot get a third date for this year since all businesses have already allocated all available dates to other organizations.

Veteran Affairs – Doug Jameson touched on the recent meeting and reminded everyone that tickets were still available for the annual Veterans Commission dinner October 30th at the Mascoutah Legion Hall.

Nothing for Community Patriotic Observances or Americanism.

The Commander gave a few fun facts.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – No report.

Gifts to the Yanks – Les O'Neal gave an update on his contacts with area homes and progress towards getting funding for the gifts.

The Commander asked for a volunteer to head the Children and Youth program.

Oratorical – No report.

Boys State – Program will be held 8 to 14 June 2019.

No reports for any other program area.

No members reported on Sick Call.

Unfinished Business – A full discussion on the Post Insurance problem. This year's premium has doubled. Calls to the Depart yielded a possible point of contact for insurance, however the cost would still be \$500 plus an additional \$50 processing fee. Five Hundred seems to be the lowest amount available. The current policy expires 1 November. Suggestions of a possible rider on the Swansea Improvement Center's insurance, raising dues, discontinuing the drink ticket program, finding a product we can sell and a gun raffle. No decision was made.

For the Good of the Legion –

A reminder for the fundraiser on October 9th at McAlister's in Shiloh.

A final request for names of Vietnam veterans for the Vietnam lapel pin before the Commander turns the list of names in. Currently he has 15 names.

It was decided that we would use flags to recognize veterans in the local homes. Carl Bales would take one to determine the best way of affixing it to the door or door frame. A box of 144 flags were donated for this project.

A request for funds from the Daniken Tree Farm's Trees for Troops program was briefly discussed and tabled.

New Business – The 1st 9/11 memorial ceremony would be held at the Swansea Firehouse. Members were invited to participate.

Comments on the memorial for a departed legionnaire were made. Post members performed the ceremony at Charlie Woodford's wake. The Post received a note of appreciation from Charlie's daughter.

For the Good of the Legion – another request for Election Judges from Doug Jameson. Position pays \$200.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1955 hrs.

50/50 was won by Carl Bales with all \$30 total going to the Post.