



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



26 September 2020 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers present with the exception of Executive Committee member Andrew Dunham.

The Sgt at Arms announced 22nd District Commander, Don Scheyer, in attendance.

August meeting minutes were read with motion to accept by Doug Jameson and seconded by Bob Burrack. Minutes approved by membership.

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

The Membership Report was given showing 106 paid members for the current year.

The Finance Officer gave his Report. Motions to accept subject to audit by Bill Martin and seconded Doug Jameson. Membership approved. Rich Gabel asked the question whether we should have more in savings than in checking. Bob Burrack will check into it.

Poppies – Still going forward with the November 7th Poppy Day at the Belleville Walmart.

Veteran Affairs – No report.

Community Patriotic Observances – No report.

Americanism – No report.

Boy Scouts – No report.

Constitution and By Laws – The Commander explained why there was less verbiage now and it was tailored to the Post and in line with Department's bylaws. Robert Thomas motioned to accept the bylaws as written/amended. Doug Jameson seconded. Membership approved and adopted the new bylaws.

Gifts to the Yanks – Nothing yet has been put out on the program.

Children and Youth – No report.

Oratorical – No report. Commander stated that Mark Elmore has worked well with the schools in the past with post members.

Boys State – 2021 Boys State is still scheduled. Seniors will be able attend it, however they cannot attend Boys Nation.

No reports for any other program area.

Sick Call – no report of sickness from members.

Unfinished Business –

Messinger Cemetery

- The August 29th clean up went well with numerous limbs picked up and flags replaced. A special thanks went to Frank for the work he did cleaning out the gated grave area.
- The Commander needed to get with TWS to provide the names and locations of graves for the board.
- He also needed to get with Dave Tree in a week or two due to no contact from them concerning the tree removal.

Flag Boxes – No new information outside of Kenny was working on metal boxes.

Blood Drive – We are officially set for 24 February. The Mississippi Valley will bring in their bus. We need to get the information out to the community.

Honor Guard

- We have finalized all clothing and needed items. Heroes in Style will be the source for our shirts, pants, gloves and belt. They will also sew on the patches that the Post provides.
- The Post needs to purchase the shoulder patches and neckties from Emblem Sales.
- Rich Gabel will be our Honor Guard Team Captain.
- Rich Gabel spoke on using the team for support of veterans and their families at funerals and other events to honor the vets. We can use more volunteers. We can also use the team at community meetings and events.
- Four members volunteered.
- Don Scheyer said he had contact info for another post that can help with events.

New Business –

Post Insurance

- The Post received a bill for \$500. The Commander asked for a motion to pay the bill after explaining this seemed to be the average/lowest cost we can get.
- Motion to pay the bill was made by Doug Jameson and seconded by Bob Burrack. Membership approved payment.

District per Capita Bill

- The Commander stated the bill was being sent to us. We will owe \$15.20. This money goes to the 22nd District for operating costs. The rate is .10 per member.
- Rich Gabel made a motion to pay the bill, not to exceed \$16. Motion seconded by Robert Thomas.

Memorial to a departed Member – no reports of members lost.

For the Good of the Legion

- The 84th Haven Jamboree has been cancelled. This was a major fundraising event for the Haven. It is being replaced by a raffle to offset the loss of revenue. The Commander has tickets available.
- The Commander showed his Legion insurance card and encouraged members to sign up.
- 22nd District Commander spoke to membership.
 - He stated that membership dues needed to be paid on time. Membership numbers have been going down over the past two years.
 - It was possible that dues may go up next year once the National Convention is held.
 - Department was trying to keep cost down by not filling two staff member slots and not leasing a vehicle for Department use.
 - He would like to see the numbers increase for Oratorical.
 - He also stated that disaster funds were available if needed.
- Commander present the Department and National Recruiter pins to Doug Jameson for the work done on membership.

50/50 Results – won by the Commander with \$17 donated back for the Honor Guard Team.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1956 hrs.