



POST #216
Ernest F. Oldenburg, The American Legion
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Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Cherf called the meeting to order at 18:55 on Wednesday, 10-February-2016.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Rich Cherf	X		
Senior Vice Commander	John Schimetz		X	
Junior Vice Commander	Jerry Guest		X	
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky		X	
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Tom Kemper		X	
Historian	Vacant			
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ed Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee	John Robinson	X		
Exec. Committee	Robert Matheson	X		
Exec. Committee	Sam Poel	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Guests: Butch Maxwell; Scott Hungerford (filling in for Dobransky)

New Business: Commander Cherf indicated that another leak was found in the roof due to faulty flashing. To repair and caulk would cost about \$500, and this does require repair.

General Election materials were completed by Dobransky and are in the office. We will be doing a bulk mailing in February and Dobransky will also be sending out email notices. The General Election will occur at the May 17 membership meeting. **(Adjutant note: the recording of the Executive Board meeting mentioned the elections taking place during the April meeting, but this is incorrect, in that the elections will take place at the May 17 membership meeting).**

The Riders will be hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, March 19. More information to follow.

Ron Nevorski is working on getting the tank painted for about \$500. A motion will be needed at the next general membership meeting to allow for this cost item.

C. Merritt is working on the kids Easter party, and will have a budget ready by the next general membership meeting for the funds to be voted upon.



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Membership dues will be voted upon at the March 15 general membership meeting. Without a dues increase, according to information provided by R. Williams, the Post will lose \$1,200 on membership costs due to increases in dues by National and likely by Department for 2016. We may also need to eliminate the past practice of providing a dues discount for members 65 years old and older, with 5 years or more membership at the Post. Right now these members pay \$35 vs. the current regular membership fee of \$40. A motion will be made to increase dues to \$50, an increase of \$10, at the March 15 general membership meeting.

N. Tibbs is still working on the roof repair, but is waiting on the weather to improve. Has obtained an estimate for \$4,000, and is also looking at an estimate for the outside stucco that is crumbling.

Commander Cherf wants it to be clear for the record that nothing occurs at the Executive Board meetings that is not then relayed to general membership. All meetings are open for anyone to attend and monitor.

Ed Merritt is looking for an endorsement from the Post to run for Senior Vice Commander, 18th District. If he gains this support from general membership, then the Adjutant can send a letter of support to the 18th District. A motion will be made at the next general membership meeting to endorse E. Merritt for this office.

Commander Cherf advised he received a phone call by a new member that he did not receive a welcome letter. We need to work on getting a welcome letter out to new members, signed by the Commander. This is a function of the Senior Vice Commander and Membership Chairperson.

R. Williams researched placing some money into a CD for the Post, but the return is not worth the effort in setting up a CD.

Jerry Guest advised Laughs at the Legion will be held at the Post on February 20. Butch Maxwell and Jerry Guest have been communicating. Commander Cherf would like Butch to take care of the bar, and Jerry will work the kitchen. Volunteers are needed to assist. The event starts at 5:00pm, and workers will need to start at 4:30pm.

John Robinson advised he was contacted by a movie producer, Sam Kiligie, that may be interested in doing a short movie about our Post. John will look into this for further details.

Commander Cherf spoke to the Hartland Legion post, and the check they donated to us was meant for 2015's flyover cost, and not for the parade itself. The check was not meant for the upcoming 2016 parade.



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Mike McDonnell mentioned a food show is coming up on March 16, courtesy of Gordon Food. Mike and Ray will attend. Always looking for suppliers that will help to reduce costs.

E. Merritt working on the Post's centennial page, but is missing minutes from 1950-1985. He is looking for anyone that has info related to Post events during this time period to come forward so he can be 100% current on the Post's past history. Mike McDonnell will reach out to member Joe Vernier, as he has been a member of the Post for many years.

Old Business: Poppy Fund Raising will be May 19, 20 and 21. Rich will want to involve N. Tibbs. Also, Rich is not looking to do a mass mailing for this event due to the cost vs. return on the investment, with the cost of mailing about \$400. Board would prefer that we not do a mass mailing to membership for donations as the fund is currently strong and can probably be adequately maintained by using volunteers on the street. If the Poppy Chair decides that a mass mailing is necessary it will only be done using the bulk mailing permit. If a mass mailing is desired, then this would require the approval of General Membership to release the funds.

Hall Painting has been completed by volunteers from the Post and donated paint from Sherwin Williams.

Hanging of plaques on the walls of the hall still needs to take place. The Riders received a plaque for the legacy ride that will be donated to the Post.

Parade Planning: Commander Cherf advised that Joe Salvia is coordinating the parade activities.

Commander Cherf sent an email to Tony Puente, Baseball Chairperson, informing him of the requirement to come in front of general membership to request funding for Legion baseball, and it is now up to Tony to attend a meeting.

The Board indicated that it would be nice if each respective unit within the Post did a quick recap of the different things they did and supported during 2015.

Ray Williams indicated that one of the \$1,000 scholarship selectees, David Vernon from Lakeland High School, still has not come in to a meeting to accept his money. However, this student appears to be able to come to one of the upcoming meetings to collect the money.

The meeting ended at 20:30. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant