



POST #216
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Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Cherf called the meeting to order at 19:00 on Tuesday, 10-November-2015.

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			
Exec. Committee	Robert Matheson	X		
Exec. Committee	Sam Poel	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt		X	
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell		X	

Guests: Rob Hauxwell, Hauxwell Insurance Group; Bear Hall; Joe Salvia; Mike Kotas

Presentation by Mr. Hauxwell, insurance agent, for the Post's insurance coverage written by Conifer Insurance. This coverage has been in place with our Post for 5 years. We reviewed a competing quote recently and decided to stay with Conifer Insurance due to better coverages provided, and similar premium. Mr. Hauxwell handed out a booklet summarizing our insurance coverage, and we went through the booklet page by page with questions and answers exchanged. The coverage has been tailored to veteran's organizations such as the American Legion Post. The presentation lasted for about 40 minutes.

New Business: Commander Cherf discussed tomorrow's Veterans Day activities, in particular the walk of veterans to Central Park, followed by a ceremony, then an unveiling of a veterans' monument. Discussed logistics with those that will be speaking at the ceremony.

The next topic involved the WWII veterans dinner to be held at the Post on December 7. Jr. Vice Jerry Guest is the lead on this event. There have been (3) turkeys donated for the dinner, and Meijer has provided a donation toward associated food, and there is also a ham and polish sausage.



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Doors open at 4:00pm, the dinner is served at 5:00pm, and the Chiffon Sisters will perform at 6:00pm. WWII veterans from local senior housing facilities will be in attendance, including from Abbey Park in New Hudson. Decorations will be coordinated with Cathy Merritt. Volunteers are needed to run food from the kitchen to the hall, and Jerry will solicit volunteers at the upcoming general membership meeting.

Discussed that the Cub Scouts will be included for the kids Halloween and Easter parties, but will not be invited to the kids Christmas party, as this is meant more for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL children.

Commander Cherf advised we are now six months into this Officer term, and is looking at a mid-term grade. We recognized several accomplishments, such as the member transfer program that was initiated and has gained the Post (23) new members to date; finance wise we are in the black and doing well; the Adjutant has been issuing thank you notes to monetary donators, and certificates of appreciation to various organizations or individuals; a successful raffle to help with Post income; and better lines of communication and involvement with other veteran related organizations. It was suggested by Joe Salvia that meeting invites go out to all Past Commanders to gain knowledge from their past experiences.

Robinson and Salvia advised of all the veteran activities taking place tomorrow for Veterans Day, including the unveiling of a new veteran's monument at Central Park.

If someone is looking for an Event Planner for an event outside of the Post, have the person contact John Robinson, Joe Salvia or Bear Hall, to assist with correct launching of the task.

Commander Cherf read an email from the 18th District Auxiliary Children and Youth Chairperson, Robin Puckett, requesting use of the hall on either April 3 or April 10, to host a banquet dinner, and a presentation will be made to a needy child at this dinner. They are in need of both use of the hall and kitchen, and are requesting the hall be donated for this event. This Executive Board has agreed to donate the hall for this event, subject to a \$200 refundable deposit, and subject to availability of the hall, to be confirmed via the hall manager, Butch Maxwell. Motion by Dobransky to allow donation of the hall for this event, second by Poel. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Old Business: A Gmail account is being set up for use by Post officers, complete with a member's group list, and is being worked on by Cathy Merritt.

A Facebook page for the Post may be created for use by the Post.

Adjutant Dobransky is still looking for a volunteer to record the meetings, then have the recorder mailed to him, and Dobransky will type the minutes prior to the next meeting. Will need someone for 3 months.



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Still looking to hang Post awards and plaques for viewing by all, but this will not occur until after the hall has been painted. The Board agreed that a motion will need to be made at the General Membership meeting to allow for the purchase of paint for volunteers to paint the hall.

Williams advised that the young man from Lakeland High School, who was selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship check, still has not come forward to attend one of our meetings. Until this occurs, the check is being held in abeyance.

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