



Post No. 216

Ernest F. Oldenburg Post #216, The American Legion, 510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381
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Minutes of the June 2008 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM with the proper opening ceremonies being observed.

Chaplin Robert Janoska gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	x		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente		x	
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron		x	
Adjutant	Charles Hoobler		x	
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	x		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	x		
Historian	Robert Maxwell	x		
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison	x		
Exec. Committee	Dennis Finkbeiner	x		
Exec. Committee	Jim Hunter	x		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder	x		
Exec. Committee Aux	Linda Maxwell		x	
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	x		

Minutes:

Commander Nelson presented the minutes of the May 2008 General Membership Meeting to the membership. Two corrections needed to be made.

On page 2 under ceremonial unit, Lt. Col. Hugh Heft should be Lt. Col. Hugh Hess.

On page 3 under New Business paragraph 3, Jack Winder should be replaced with Jim Hunter. In the same sentence the word daughter should be replaced with the word son.

Bob Janoska made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction. Jim Hunter seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests:

Nancy Price, Milford Park Place Executive Director

Michael Shue, Milford High School scholarship recipient

Fred Morin, SAL Adjutant

Sam Caldarea, visitor from the Detroit Post and participant in the WWII Washington Honor Flight.

Chris Ballnik, Sam Caldarea's grandson

Guest Presentations:

Motion to suspend the business meeting was made by Bob Janoska to allow for guest presentations. Seconded by Maxwell, and passed by voice vote.

Nancy Price was introduced by Commander Nelson and presented a certificate of appreciation for purchasing and flying the POW/MIA flag 24/7 at Milford Park Place. This facility has a WWII former POW as a resident.

Milford High School scholarship recipient, Michael Shue read his essay on Americanism, and spoke briefly to the membership. Michael plans to attend Grand Valley State in the fall.

A motion was made after the presentations to return to regular business. The motion was made by Hayden, seconded by Janoska.

Report of Officers

Senior Vice Commander:

- **Scouts:** John Nelson was presented the charter for Cub Scout Pack 52, and presented it to the membership.
- **Baseball:** No report

Junior Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer:

- Finance Officer Ron Nevorski presented the May 2008 Finance Report. Robert Maxwell made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by Bowman. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chaplain:

- Bob Janoska reported that John Lynch, former District Commander and good friend to Post 216 was seriously ill and asked the membership to keep John and his family in their prayers.
- Mike McDonnell reported that SAL member Ray Clinard's father had passed away.
- Rich Chowaniec asked the membership to keep Lance Oberg in their prayers as he undergoes treatments during the next few weeks.

Auxiliary: No Report

SAL:

- Mike McDonnell reported on the following items:
 - The SAL convention and it's election of officers
 - The Steak Fry reminder for this coming week.
 - The golf outing at Highland Glen on July 26th. The flyer is posted in the clubroom.
 - The 60th anniversary at Camp Dearborn where the SAL will host a beer tent with 50/50 profits going to the SAL. Motion made by Mike to obtain a liquor license, seconded by Bowman and passed by voice vote.
 - The Legion Picnic is to be held in the Post parking lot on August 16th.

Committee Reports

Service Officer:

Bruce Hayden reported that one family was helped last month with food and other assistance.

Historian: No Report

Membership:

- Bruce Hayden made a motion that the following applicants be approved for membership in Post 216:

Michael Heinann, U.S. Army, Persian Gulf - Support by Bowman

Roberto Aranda, U.S. Army, Viet Nam - Support by Janoska

Edward Cadocki, U.S. Army, Viet Nam - Support by Bowman

The motion was approved to include all applicants by voice vote.

- Bruce Hayden indicated that the Post has 417 paid members.

Boys State:

- Bob Janoska reported that there were 2 scholarships for Milford and 2 for Lakeland high schools.

Ceremonial Committee:

- Rich Chowanec reported on the Ray Clinard Sr. funeral.

Scholarship Committee:

- Skip Davison reported that Lakeland High School recipient Steve Wilson will be attending a future meeting to share his essay.

Honor Walk:

- Skip Davison reported that all brick pavers had been installed prior to Memorial Day. Two pavers with spelling errors have been identified and are in the process of being replaced.

Poppy Committee:

- Bob Janoska reported that \$2039.59 has been collected at this time.

Memorial Day Parade Committee

- John Nelson reported that Memorial Day contributions equaled \$3000, with an additional amount forthcoming from the township. John emphasized that the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies were self sufficient.

Bingo:

- Bruce Hayden gave the May 2008 Bingo report. A check for \$4000 was remitted to the post financial officer. Hayden made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Seconded by Winder. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: No Report

Clubroom:

- Mike McDonnell gave the Clubroom report and reported a \$357.96 loss for the month of May. This loss was attributed to having 5 paydays for the staff in the month of May. Mike made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Seconded by Janoska. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Mike McDonnell reported that a power surge had destroyed the current camera security system. The post is in the process of evaluating a new digital system to replace the old one. This new system has many more features and better camera resolution. The cost estimates are around \$2000.

Legion Riders: No Report**House:**

- Ron Nevorski reported that the leaking roof problem appears to be fixed. No problems were observed during the past heavy rains.
- The kitchen exhaust system needs improvement and is being addressed.

Unfinished Business:

- The Department Convention in Grand Rapids is from June 19-22, with Nelson and Janoska attending.
- Post 216 officer installations will be on June 29th at 2:00 P.M.
- Angelo Pellegata reported on the American Legion Yard sale, saying that new posters are being passed out. Drop off dates and times are July 7 to July 11, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
- Post Historian Robert Maxwell reviewed his proposal for providing visual Post information and organizational charts via an electronic picture frame display. Upon further investigation Robert came up with, and briefly reviewed, three different hardware options to view this information. Commander Nelson requested that Robert coordinate with clubroom personnel, the SAL, and Auxiliary members to come up with a final recommendation.

New Business:

- Commander Nelson read correspondence from the Michigan Department of the American Legion stating that the E. F. Oldenburg Post 216 Web site was selected as web site of the year for 2008. Commander Nelson will be presented with the award at the Department convention on June 19th.

Good of the Legion: No Reports

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by John W, Moore, Acting Adjutant.