



POST #216
Ernest F. Oldenburg, The American Legion
510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381
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Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:00 Tuesday 20-January-2015.

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Tibbs	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Bill Colegrove		X	
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky		X	
Finance Officer	Ray Williams		X	
Chaplain	Tom Kemper	X		
Historian	Ed Merritt	X		
Sergeant-at-Arms	Matt Tibbs		X	
Exec. Committee	Paul Kolleda	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Cherf	X		
Exec. Committee	Chris Cook	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Guests: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary; Mike McDonnell, SAL; Chris Walters, Milford Fire Department

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 16 December 2014. Motion to accept by E. Merritt, second by N. Tibbs. Discussion: R. Cherf asked that minutes reflect names of designated chairpersons as discussed at December meeting (Adjutant note: Will include this in minutes once a list of chairperson names is provided to the Adjutant). No further discussion. No corrections required. Voice vote passes.

Commander Puente requested a motion to suspend regular meeting to hear presentation from Chris Walters and Jarad LaBelle regarding annual fish fry. Motion by E. Merritt, second by Kolleda. Voice vote passes. Mr. Walters advised this is the 3rd year running a fish fry at the Post. It will run from Friday, February 20, through lent, in the club room from 5pm to 8pm. Requesting \$500 in start-up funds. Motion by E. Merritt, second by N. Tibbs, to provide the \$500. Discussion: Commander Puente advised that the fish fry netted \$1,300 to the Post in year 1, and about \$2,300 in year 2. Voice vote passes. Motion by E. Merritt, second by R. Cherf, to resume regular meeting. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: N. Tibbs. No report.

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. Excused. No report.

Finance Officer: Kolleda for Williams. For the period ended December 31, 2014, total income was \$31,488; cost of goods sold \$18,070; Gross Profit \$13,417; Expenses \$7,868; Net Income = \$5,550. YTD net income \$2,717. Bank of America loan balance has been paid off using loan from the ALR. The ALR loan balance = \$3,000. General fund balance = \$8,262; Special fund balance = \$6,559. All bills paid through January. Motion to accept pending future audit by C. Cook, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: T. Kemper. Advised a long-time member Marty Burris passed away since the last meeting, our prayers go out to his family. Also, there is a 4 chaplains' memorial service to be held at the American Legion memorial building in Lapeer, MI, on Sunday, February 8 at 3:15pm.

Service Officer: No report.

Historian: E. Merritt. Advised the Vietnam war came to an end on January 27, 1973, after 12 years, 56,244 combat troops killed, and there are still 1,200 MIA.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Excused. No report.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt. Advised that an Identity Theft workshop will be held at the Post on January 28 for all to attend. Also, there are now 36 people signed up for the blood drive, but we need to have 45 names on the list before the Red Cross will come to the Post. Also, she has added more email addresses to the Post's newsletter distribution list.

SAL: McDonnell. Advises hamburger night is each Thursday from 5-8pm.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Current paid membership for 2015 = 341, and we are at 99% of goal set for January 19 by Department's goal of 99% as of this date.

New Member. John C. Lucas, Army, Vietnam. Motion to accept by J. Schmitz, second by N. Tibbs. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: No report, but we do need a Commander.

Honor Guard: Chowaniec. Rendered honors for (7) veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery the past month, plus (1) in Highland, and one of our own, Merv Burlie at Milford Memorial. In addition, at the request of the Chief of Police for Wolverine Lake, our Honor Guard will be working as Color Guard for his son, a Marine KIA in Iraq, to be held on January 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Poppy: Kolleda. No report.

Honor Walk: Kolleda. Advised he brought applications to Independent Village, but has no heard from them. Commander Puente advises he will follow-up with Rita at the location.



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Memorial Day Parade: Commander Puente. Advised he is working on setting up a committee meeting for the week of February 2 to designate committee members and then start moving forward with the parade details.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. No report.

Bingo: McDonnell. December: Gross Bingo \$6,580; Gross tickets \$7,442; Gross Profit \$3,176. Deposits tickets \$1,933; Deposits Bingo \$1,246; Beginning check book balance \$1,558. Ending check book balance \$956; Bingo turned over \$1,200 to the Post, and for the year of 2014 a total of \$26,100. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Davison, second by Neff. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. December: Income \$11,093. Cost of Goods Sold \$3,547; Gross Profit \$7,547; Expenses \$4,277. Net Income = \$3,270. The Club Room turned over \$1,700 to the Post, and for the year of 2014 a total of \$6,000. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by E. Merritt. No Discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. December: Beginning checkbook balance \$963; Ending balance \$315. Gaming tickets turned over to the Post for 2014 a total of \$5,450. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Kolleda, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Kolleda. Advised of Spaghetti dinner to be held on January 31 from 5pm to 8pm..

House & Building: N. Tibbs. No report.

Scouts: Chris Cook. The Pinewood Derby is this Sunday, 1/25. Also, an overnight winter camp to be held on 2/28 at Michigan Science Center. Also, the Blue & Gold banquet to be held on 3/14 at Milford High School between 5pm and 7pm. This is when Cub Scouts cross over to be Boy Scouts. Members from the Post are encouraged to attend to show support.

Executive Committee: Commander Puente advised there was no meeting held in December, so no minutes to review or approve.

Unfinished Business: Puente for Dobransky. Read information regarding proposed changes to the Post's Constitution and By-Laws, that has been posted on the Post's website and in the Club Room and via the Post's Newsletter, and the proposed changes will be voted upon at the February General Membership meeting.

New Business: Commander Puente read info regarding prior discussion pertaining to suggested further changes to the Post's By-Laws regarding not paying membership dues for 30+ year members, as the Post is losing money from membership dues related to this practice. No further action has occurred on this subject to date.

E. Merritt advised that on January 24, a clean-up will take place at GLNC to remove any remaining wreaths. Also, from a District meeting, the Winter Conference will be held between 2/13 and 2/15 at the Holiday Inn in Flint. Good info including leadership classes will be available at the conference.



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R. Cherf presented the following items for discussion:

- 1.) Floor tiles have been obtained for the hall bar area, but needs up to \$250 to purchase adhesives and misc items to lay the floor. Motion by N. Tibbs to allow up to \$250 for this project, second by Kolleda. Discussion: Kolleda advises it may not take all \$250, but just in case issues come up. Voice vote passes.
- 2.) Cherf is soliciting bids to update the handicap access to the Post and will present this info once bids are obtained.
- 3.) Advised of a \$5,000 grant available from Home Depot for repairs to the Post, but if granted the grant, all work would be required to be completed within 6 months. He is soliciting input as to what would be the best use of this grant money. Commander Puente appointed Cherf as the committee chairperson to work with N. Tibbs and McDonnell come up with a list by the solicitation deadline of February 1, 2015. Commander Puente asked that this be continued as New Business to track same.
- 4.) Asked if a bulk rate permit is being pursued. Per Commander Puente, no, a permit is not being pursued as it is less costly to use the services of Alegria Printing for any mass mailing projects.
- 5.) Proposed to have the Post do a mailing to all Post members, including Auxiliary and SAL, pertaining to a raffle to help raise money for the Post. This would require up to \$500 to help cover initial start-up costs, such as permit and printing of tickets. Motion by Kolleda, second by Neff, to allow up to \$500 for this event. Discussion: Will this make money for the Post? It depends on participation. If it is not successful, then it would not be pursued again. Drawing to be held during July 4, 2015. Voice vote passes.
- 6.) Spoke to T&M for a proposal to resurface and repair the parking lot. Will present the proposal to membership after it is received. Commander Puente suggested Cherf reach out to Paul Lear for input into the parking lot.
- 7.) Cherf asked if the Post will be doing a membership drive to try and increase membership by calling area Legion members that are not currently part of our Post. This could be done by holding a call-up day event to be held in either April or May. Commander Puente asked for a volunteer to be chairperson for this event, and N. Tibbs accepted. He will work with SAL, Auxiliary, and the scouts to be in attendance once a day is set for this event.

Good of the Legion: No report.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:08, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 17 February, 2015, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216

There was no meeting held on January 20, 2015, so no minutes prepared.

The next meeting is 17 February, 2015 at 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant