



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

Sr. Vice Commander Schimetz called the meeting to order at 19:00, Tuesday 19-January-2016.

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary President; Mike McDonnell, SAL; Chris Walters; Marty Cook; Bear Hall

Approval of Minutes:

Review of Regular Membership meeting minutes from 15 December 2015. Motion to accept by N. Tibbs, second by Salvia. Corrections: Under Membership Committee, New Members, change Dave Sadler to James Sadler. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Review of Executive Committee meeting minutes from 13 January 2016. Motion to accept by Neff, second by Salvia. No discussion and no corrections. Voice vote passes.



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Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: Schimetz. No report.

Jr. Vice Commander: Guest. No report.

Finance Officer: Williams. Excused, but provided the following report via email. For the period ended December 31, 2015, total income was \$32,707; Cost of Goods Sold \$19,568; Gross Profit \$13,139; Expenses \$8,783; Net Income = \$4,356. YTD net income \$24,204. General Fund balance = \$27,179; Special (poppy) Fund balance = \$7,095. All December bills received have been paid to date. Also, the Post is projecting upcoming liabilities of \$4,500 to include an un-yet paid \$1,000 awarded scholarship, pending the student coming to one of our meetings; the upcoming raffle to pay out \$1,000; and \$2,500 for hall renovation work. We ended the fiscal year of 2015 with an impressive net income of \$24,204, as compared to 2014 = \$2,717; and 2013 = \$7,711. This report has been submitted subject to future audit.

Chaplain: T. Kemper. Advises Paul Lehr's cancer has returned, thoughts and prayers go out to Paul. Also, Post member Daniel Larkin had a successful by-pass operation, prayers for a speedy recovery. Also met with Past Chaplain, Archie Noon, and he is doing well.

Service Officer: Reddeman. Absent. No report.

Historian: Vacant. No report.

Adjutant: Hungerford for Dobransky. No report.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt. Again requesting Post members to save plastic bags needed for the making of sleeping mats for homeless veterans. There is a collection bag in the Club Room near the door.

SAL: McDonnell. Hamburger night every Thursday from 5-8pm.

Motion by Salvia to suspend the regular meeting to hear from guests Chris Walters and Marty Cook, related to the annual fish fry at the Post; second by Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Chris advised they are again volunteering to work a weekly fish fry, starting on Friday, February 12, 2016, running each Friday through Lent. Last year this created income to the Post for about \$3,000 after start-up expenses. Is making a request for the Post to again provide the start-up cost of \$500.

Motion by Salvia to provide the start-up expense money of \$500; second by Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Motion by N. Tibbs to resume the regular meeting; second by Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Advised we currently have 463 members, with 431 that are active. 383 have already paid their 2016 dues.

New Members: John H. Burke, USAF, Korea; Vertis B. Hall, USMC, Vietnam; Henry Michalski, Army, WWII.

Transfer Members: Laurence R. Robinson, Army, Vietnam; Richard E. Utkan, USAF, Vietnam; Allen S. Wilkinson, USMC, Vietnam.

Motion by Kotas to accept the new members and transfers; second by Nevorski. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Color Guard: Robinson. No report.

Honor Guard: Robinson for Chowaniec. Advised 12 internments were held this past month.

Poppy: N. Tibbs. The Poppy drive will be May 19, 20 and 21, sign-up sheets in the Club Room.

Honor Walk: Gary Dykstra. Absent. No report.

Memorial Day Parade: Joe Salvia. Advised the start-up meet and greet meeting will take place on February 15. Other info provided by Mr. Salvia was not audible on the recording. Something about the forming of a parade committee?

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Has made contact with Lakeland High, and expects to hear back from them in March, and is working on making contact with Milford High. We have also heard from the Milford High recipient and he will be attending a meeting this summer to be presented with the \$1,000 check.

Boys State: E. Merritt. Still on track with applications submitted to Lakeland and Milford High, and plans to make a visit to them next week.

Bingo: McDonnell. Thanked Scott Hungerford for stepping in during Dobransky's absence. Also, thank you to the volunteers that painted the hall, it now looks the best he has seen it in 29 years!!
December 2015: Gross Bingo \$7,799; Gross tickets \$8,576; Ticket Prizes \$6,346; Bingo Prizes \$5,895; Gross Profit \$3,879; Deposit tickets \$2,230. Deposit Bingo \$1,654. Beginning check book balance \$4,211. Ending check book balance \$1,019. Bingo turned over a check to the Legion for \$1,200. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Davison, second by Neff. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. December 2015: Gross Income \$9,939. Cost of Goods Sold \$3,304; Gross Profit \$6,635; Expenses \$4,256. Net Income = \$2,380. Club Room turned over a check to the Post for \$1,500. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by Davison. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. December 2015: Beginning check book balance \$1,664. Ending check book balance \$1,224. Gaming turned over a check to the Legion for \$1,000. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by Davison. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Schimetz for Cherf. Riders are holding a chili cook-off on Saturday, March 19. The Riders donated \$1,698 toward veteran related events during 2015. Also, volunteered time at various events related to the Post and external to the Post.



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House & Building: N. Tibbs. Thanked the many volunteers that painted the Post's hall. This included Tom Kemper; Mike & Dale Feigley; Ken Wilson; John Robinson; John & Claudia Schimetz; Dan & Izzy Scheideman; Scott Hungerford; Maria Williams; Ray Clinard; Bear Hall; Mark & Aaron Caswell; Jackie & Ralph Pohl; Norm Tibbs; Rich Cherf; and Sherwin-Williams paint donation of 15 gallons of paint. Has a bid to repair the roof for \$4,400 and is pursuing one or two more bids.

Scouts: Chris Cook. Absent. No report.

Old Business: Hungerford for Dobransky. Advised of the potential for a membership dues increase that will be discussed and voted upon at the March 2016 membership meeting, as called for in the Post By-Laws. Dobransky will also include this subject in the annual mass mailing to membership regarding meeting dates and annual election of officers.

Advised the Promissory Note related to the loan between the ALR and the Legion has not yet been signed off on, as the loan has been paid in full. Williams advises he will prepare a sign-off document related to the promissory note. T. Neff says to just make a copy of the note and write on it that the loan has been paid in full and give a copy to the appropriate parties (Legion and ALR).

New Business: E. Merritt advised of the upcoming mid-winter conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Flint on February 12 & 13. Schimetz advised of the upcoming Laughs at the Legion to be held on February 20 at the Post's hall. McDonnell advised he will order the food, but we do need volunteers to include 4 cooks and at least 2 food runners.

Good of the Legion: No report.

Closing: Sr. Vice Commander Schimetz: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:00, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 16 February, 2016, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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ROLLING MINUTES (Used to capture significant agreements and/or votes of a permanent nature unless later eliminated or changed by membership or the Executive Committee as is allowed). This document will form a part of each monthly meeting minutes to be used for quick reference as may be needed.

- The Post Commander is granted \$250 in discretionary expense spending per transaction. (From June 16, 2015, General Membership meeting minutes).
- Emergency expense funding, such as the breakdown of the building furnace or A/C unit. As long as the Club Room manager, or the building chairperson, contact the board to advise of the emergency situation, then the emergency funding will be authorized. This is different than say the cost to resurface the parking lot, which is not an emergency situation that would be presented to General Membership for review and approval. (From June 16, 2015, General Membership meeting minutes).
- A policy has been implemented that any person that financially obligates the Post for non-emergency related expenses, aside from the Commander's \$250 discretionary expense authorization, without the prior consent of the general membership, can be held personally liable for the expense. (From July 14, 2015, Executive Committee meeting minutes).
- A policy has been implemented putting newly elected officers in place immediately following the general membership meeting held on the day of the annual election of officers. (From July 14, 2015, Executive Committee meeting minutes).