



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

Senior Vice Commander N. Tibbs called the meeting to order at 19:05 Tuesday 17-June-2014.

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; Fred Morin, SAL; Mike McDonnell, SAL; Nicole Clover and Alexandria Choate and family members for these two young ladies.

Motion by Skip Davison, Scholarship Chairperson, to suspend regular meeting to present scholarship checks of \$1,000 each to Nicole Clover, Lakeland High, and Alexandria Choate, Milford High, and to have them read their essays to membership. Second by P. Kolleda. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Both young ladies read their essays to membership. Ms. Clover will be attending Grand Valley State, and Ms. Choate will be attending University of Michigan Dearborn. Motion by S. Davison, to resume regular meeting, second by P. Kolleda. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 20 May, 2014. Discussion – P. Kolleda suggested completion of minutes and posting of same within a week following a meeting so membership can review contents in short order, as the minutes typically include date and time specific information. Dobransky says he will try to do so. Voice vote passes.



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Reports of Officers:

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

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. No report.

Finance Officer: Dobransky for Williams. May report: Gross income \$32,810; Cost of Goods \$21,543; Gross Profit \$11,267; Expenses \$11,270; Net Loss (\$2.68). YTD net income (\$2,285). General Fund balance is \$8,829. Special fund balance is \$4,982. The Bank of America loan balance is \$4,657. All bills received to date have been paid. Parade donations to be used for parade expenses to date = \$4,139.78. parade expenses to date = \$1,658 with another \$1,400 expected. Any surplus will be placed toward next year's parade. Motion by B. Colegrove to accept finance report, Second by T. Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: T. Kemper. Advised we laid to rest a Navy veteran at Great Lakes Cemetery this past week.

Service Officer: Don Reddeman. No report.

Historian: E. Merritt. Advised on June 6, 1944, D-Day occurred in Normandy, France. Also, June 14, 1777, John Adams introduced a resolution that there be a flag of 13 stripes and 13 stars.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Read letters of thanks from the scholarship recipient Alexandria Choate, and from Principle of Lakeland High. Letters to be posted in the Club Room. Also, read letter of appreciation from Ed Schroeder, President, What Lies Beyond Jeep Club, for our invite to their organization to participate in the Memorial day parade.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt: No report.

SAL: McDonnell. Advised that Butch Maxwell is the newly elected 2014-2015 SAL Commander for the Detachment of Michigan. Steak nights now the third Thursday's of the month.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Post has 362 paid members so far for 2014, 100% membership goal for 2014 is 386, and at this time we are at 93% of the goal for 2014. Transfers included, we now have 432 members.

New Members: James Robert Lhamon, Navy, Gulf War. Motion to accept E. Merritt, Second Skip Davison. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

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

Honor Guard: Chowaniec. Rendered honors for ten veterans this past month at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Poppy: Reddeman. Had a good year, but still adding up donations. So far \$1,677 plus a bunch of change being counted.

Honor Walk: No report.



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Memorial Day Parade: N. Tibbs says the parade was successful.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Presented scholarships to Milford and Lakeland recipients at \$1,000 each (See above).

Bingo: McDonnell. May: Gross Bingo \$9,227; Gross tickets \$12,395; Ticket prizes \$9,126; Bingo prizes \$7,425; Gross Profit \$4,804. Deposits tickets \$3,269; Deposits Bingo \$1,503; Beginning check book balance \$907. Ending check book balance \$1,830; Bingo turned over \$2,500 to the Post. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Winder. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. Income \$8,598. Cost of Goods Sold \$3,077; Gross Profit \$5,521; Expenses \$5,138. Net income \$383. Motion to accept Devorski, Second Davison. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. Beginning balance \$1,080; Ending balance \$2,091. Check to Post for \$1,000. Motion by Nevorski, second by Winder to accept. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Kolleda. Had a flag retirement ceremony on June 14, that retired 1,910 flags. Bob Zukowski had a grate made that helped to assist with the process. Tickets still for sale for raffle drawing on July 4. ALR is heading up to Lewiston Post for Grab & Run banquet on June 21. ALR will also loan the Post up to \$2,000 for the front porch repair if needed.

House & Building: N. Tibbs. Advised that there was/is a roof leak and some ceiling tiles required replacement. Building to be power-washed, and flags in need of replacement prior to the parade.

Scouts: Chris Cook. No report. Excused.

Executive Committee: N. Tibbs advised that Bill Colegrove has been elected to Junior Vice Commander. Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for May 20, 2014. Motion to accept E. Merritt, Second, Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Unfinished Business: Dobransky. No report.

New Business: No report.

Good of the Legion: T. Kemper suggested members increase invitations to family and friends to visit the Club Room to increase business. Also, C. Merritt advises she is checking with the District ritual team to do officer installation on August 3.

Closing: Senior Vice Commander Tibbs: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 19:55, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 15 July, 2014, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente		X	
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Tibbs	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Open			
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		
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Approval of Minutes: Review of Executive Committee minutes from 20 May, 2014.

Correspondence: Dobransky was presented with a letter of resignation dated June 16, 2014, from Jennifer Ricketts, Club Room employee. After a review of the letter, it was decided by N. Tibbs to be taken up further at the next Executive Committee meeting for possible presentation to the Committee members.

Old Business: N. Tibbs advised he is working on communication regarding an insurance claim submitted to insurance carrier, Conifer Insurance, under the Equipment Breakdown coverage for the damaged handicap chair lift subject to a \$500 deductible. Loss is \$1,007.

N. Tibbs advises the front porch is falling apart, and a bid to do the work is \$2,500, but a trex bid would cost about another \$500. Kolleda is in support of the trex porch. In the long run the Post would be better off due maintenance reduction.

N. Tibbs advises no funds to repair parking lot at this time, at a cost of about \$4,200.



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New Business: Dobransky read correspondence from the Moving Wall Museum Foundation, requesting a donation. Minimal information provided on post card, so further research to be done before we can decide. Also, read a request for donations to a veteran's golf outing to benefit "Operation Comfort Warriors". No motion. Request failed. Lastly, a letter from "What Lies Beyond" for the jeeps they supplied for the Memorial Day parade. Dobransky to send them a letter of appreciation.

N. Tibbs advised of a letter of intent from Steve Hernandez for Junior Vice Commander, but Steve has not been present at meetings. Bill Colegrove has stated he would like to again be Junior Vice Commander, thus opening up two Executive Committee positions. We have two letters of intent for these positions, one from Chris Cook, and one from Rich Cherf. N. Tibbs advised the Executive Board may elect persons to these open positions. E. Merritt made a motion to nominate B. Colegrove to Junior Vice, second by Kolleda. Discussion. Dobransky advised of a phone conversation had with S. Hernandez wherein Mr. Hernandez advised he may have limited time to put towards the position of Junior Vice. No motion made for Hernandez. Voice vote passes for Bill Colegrove to Junior Vice Commander. For the two open Executive Committee members, motions made by E. Merritt, second by T. Kemper. No discussion, voice vote passes for Chris Cook and Rich Cherf to Executive Committee Member.

N. Tibbs advises the need to appoint three chairmen to Bingo, Club Room, and House. A motion made by P. Kolleda, second by E. Merritt, to postpone this matter to the next meeting when more members are present. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Other committee chairpersons are appointed by the Commander.

N. Tibbs advises a finance audit committee needs to be formed. Volunteers as agreed are: Bill Colegrove, Paul Kolleda, and D. Dobransky. Will meet with accountant and R. Williams to review the financial records.

C. Merritt advises the installation of officers ceremony will be held on August 3, 2014, at 14:00.

Motion to adjourn meeting by E. Merritt, Second by Kolleda. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 18:35.

The next meeting is 15 July, 2014, 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant