



POST #216
Ernest F. Oldenburg, The American Legion
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Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:00 Tuesday 17-March-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: Rich Piper; Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary; Mike McDonnell, SAL

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 17 February 2015. Motion to accept by Davison, second by Schimetz. Corrections: Correct spelling for John Schimetz's last name on page 2. Also, E. Merritt advises that under Good of the Legion it should read "third zone Boys State" on page 4. No further discussion or corrections. (Adjutant note: At the December meeting R. Cherf asked that minutes reflect names of designated chairpersons. The Adjutant will include this in the minutes once a list of chairperson names is provided to the Adjutant). Voice vote passes.

Reports of Officers:

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

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. No report.

Finance Officer: Williams. For the period ended February 28, 2015, total income was \$29,070; cost of goods sold \$19,032; Gross Profit \$10,038; Expenses \$8,458; Net Income = \$1,581. YTD net income \$6,015. The ALR loan balance = \$2,132. General fund balance = \$14,190; Special fund balance = \$5,992. All March bills received have been paid. 2015 is off to a healthy start with a positive cash flow into the General Fund with a YTD net income of \$6,015.



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Last year at this time we were only at \$255, and for the same period 2013 we were at a negative \$714. Motion to accept pending future audit by E. Merritt, second by Neff. Discussion: N. Tibbs asked if the Special Fund can be renamed to the Poppy Fund to reflect its true meaning. Williams advises it is called a Special Fund in the bank statements, but will take this into consideration. Commander Puente reminded membership that the Poppy Fund is used to help Veterans in need and that we continue to help Veterans in need given the healthy state of the fund's balance. No further discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: T. Kemper. Thoughts and prayers continue for Paul Kolleda who underwent a surgical procedure. A text was received from Paul advising he is feeling fine, but we continue to pray for Paul's full recovery. Also, prayers for recovery to Sheila Maxwell who suffered a broken leg. Also, Joy from Club 216 had knee surgery, so prayers go out to Joy for a speedy recovery.

Service Officer: Reddeman, absent, no report. (Spending winter in Alabama)

Historian: E. Merritt. K-9 veterans day was March 13; the actual observance will be held at the War Dog Memorial on April 13. An internment of two war dogs will also be held at the Memorial the same day. Today is St. Patrick's Day. Medal of Honor day is on March 25. Lastly, the National American Legion celebrated its 96th birthday on March 15.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Excused.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt. Advised the Easter party is set for this Sunday the 22nd. Also, the Red Cross blood drive, to be held at the Post, is set for May 14, and more details to follow.

SAL: McDonnell. Absent. No report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Current membership is 357 members, and we are over 100% of goal.

New members: Matthew Salchert, Army, (Conflict ?). Motion to accept by N. Tibbs, second by Colegrove. No discussion, voice vote passes. Also, Richard Piper, Army, Vietnam. Motion to accept by Neff, second by Colegrove. No discussion, voice vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: Schimetz. No report.

Honor Guard: Chowaniec. Rendered honors for (3) veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery the past month. Also a funeral for Navy veteran Gordon Haggerty.

Poppy: Kolleda. Excused. No report. Commander Puente advised Kolleda is transferring to Memphis, TN, for employment in the near future, and the Post is now looking for someone to take over as Poppy chairperson, in addition to the Honor Walk.

Honor Walk: Kolleda. Excused. No report.

Memorial Day Parade: Commander Puente. Advised there was no committee meeting last week, but all plans are moving forward. Updates are on the parade website, and anyone desiring to be a participant in the parade should be directed to the parade website. The website is:

MILFORDMEMORIALPARADE@YAHOO.COM. Williams to provide Commander Puente with a current mailing list.



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Education and Scholarship: Davison. Has not heard from any of the schools as to nominees. Commander Puente advised that E. Merritt has been in contact with the schools related to Boys State, so if Davison would like any assistance in communicating with the schools then reach out to E. Merritt.

Bingo: McDonnell. February: Gross Profit \$4,335. Deposit tickets \$3,066. Deposit Bingo \$1,269. Beginning check book balance \$1,697. Ending check book balance \$1,305. Bingo turned over \$2,400 to the Post. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Colegrove, second by E. Merritt. Discussion: New member Richard Piper volunteered to assist with Bingo. No further discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. February: Income \$7,040. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,547; Gross Profit \$4,493; Expenses \$5,292. Net Income = negative (\$799). Also, (2) \$500 checks were issued to the Post for a total of \$1,000. Motion to accept pending any corrections by E. Merritt, second by Neff. Discussion: Neff asked if this reflects a typical February; McDonnell advised that it does. No further discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. February: Beginning checkbook balance \$1,473; Ending balance \$474. Gaming tickets turned over to the Post \$1,000 for February. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Williams for Kolleda. Gearing up for the upcoming riding season. Also, a successful spaghetti dinner helped to fund the Post. Also, assistance with burger night has helped to add to the Post's General Fund.

House & Building: N. Tibbs. Advised the parking lot is in need of repair and is looking for estimates to repair, resurface and then re-mark the parking lot. Perhaps the Post can generate parking income from Milford Memories to help pay for the cost. Motion by N. Tibbs to have the post pay up to \$5,000 for this needed work, first by Colegrove, second by E. Merritt. Discussion: Neff asked if this is for recoating and sealing vs. digging up the lot. Yes that is correct. Timeline is to have this work completed before Memorial weekend. No further discussion. Voice vote passes.

Scouts: Chris Cook. An overnight winter camp was held at the Michigan Science Center and 15 scouts and their parents were in attendance. Also, the Blue & Gold banquet was held on 3/14 at Milford High School with up to 200 scouts, parents and friends in attendance. The pack was awarded by District the Gold Journey to Excellence banner, which is the highest rating a unit may receive. Friends of Scouting obtained \$465 in donations. 8 of 11 Webelos crossed over to Boy Scout troops. Also, two adult volunteers have been nominated for the Trail Blazers award to be presented on April 30. Lastly, the scouts are looking to do some service projects and are looking to help with the Post's spring clean-up.

Commander Puente requested a motion to suspend regular meeting for a presentation by Tim Baker, Superintendent, Huron Valley Schools. Motion by Kemper, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Mr. Baker discussed the upcoming millage vote for the area schools, advising of the need to update building systems and infrastructure. Says the District buildings are in excess of \$37 million in need of repairs. Says some of the dollars needed have been lost from the State due to a decrease in student population. Therefore, the need for a millage vote of 2.5 mils per \$100,000 in home value. A general questions and answers session followed his presentation.

Commander Puente requested a motion to resume the regular meeting. Motion by E. Merritt, second Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

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

Old Business: Puente for Dobransky. Old business was reviewed from the February minutes.

New Business: At prior meeting, R. Cherf 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 (this was voted upon and approved at the January meeting). The application for raffle permit has been submitted to Michigan at a cost of \$15; once received a mass mailing will be sent out to membership via use of Alegra Printing. Drawing to be held on July 4, 2015. Voice vote passes.

Good of the Legion: E. Merritt advised that the Centennial work page that is going on for the National 100 year anniversary, he is entering items from the Post, such as photos and activities, to the National work page.

Also, the Post is sponsoring the 18th District memorial to honor all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members that have passed over the last year, to be held on April 12, 2:00pm. A lunch will be provided after the memorial. E. Merritt made a motion to allow up to \$200 to help cover the cost of the luncheon. Second by Neff. General discussion. Voice vote passes.

Also, E. Merritt is the chairperson for Boys State, and he would like to send two boys each from each of the two high schools in our community. The 18th District Director is asking for any SAL or Legion member that has government experience that would like to assist with the program to make contact with Jerry Kelly by June 14-20, 2015. See E. Merritt for contact info. E. Merritt requested a motion to allow sponsorship of up to \$650 to sponsor two boys each from each high school in our district. Commander Puente advised this may not require a motion, as he believes it is already in our By-Laws; Commander Puente will verify this for next meeting.

N. Tibbs asked if the ALR was going to provide flowers for the Post beautification prior to Memorial Day. Williams advised yes they would as in the past.



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N. Tibbs to look into the cost to refinish the hall floor.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:10, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 21 April, 2015, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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There was no meeting held on March 17, 2015.

The next meeting is 21 April, 2015 at 18:00.

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