



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 19:10 Tuesday 21-May-2013

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Vacant	-	-	-
Junior Vice Commander	Phil Weitlauf	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplin	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Vacant	-	-	-
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowanec	X		
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman	X		
Exec. Committee	Vacant	-	-	-
Exec. Committee Aux	Jody Dowd	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 16 April, 2013. Motion by Powers to accept, Second by Reddeman. Discussion – Waldron advises his name was spelled incorrectly. Voice Vote passes. No Executive Committee Meeting minutes from 16 April, 2013, as no quorum was obtained.

Guests Introduced: Mike McDonnell, Andy Russell, Andrew Groiewski, Fred Morin, and Cathy Merritt.

Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: Vacant

Jr. Vice Commander: Weitlauf. No report.

Financial Officer: Williams. There are multiple reports he reviews, and consolidates them for easier review. Income for April, less cost of goods and other expenses, ended the month with a negative (\$4,012). Bingo has provided \$4,500 to the Post from April. All checking and cash account assets year to date = \$11,957.32. Current loan balance with Bank of America is \$6,597.03. General Fund balance is \$70.59. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Lloyd. Discussion included where the income sources come from. Voice Vote passes.



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Chaplain: Merritt. Continue prayers for the family of Susie Tibbs, Auxiliary, Maurice Allmacher and George Varilone, Legion. Sick call list: Dave Horst, Legion, Pat Dowd, SAL, James Valentine, Legion; William DeJoseph, SAL; Don Vore, Legion; and Thomas Burke, Legion.

Historian: Vacant

Sergeant-at-Arms: Davison. No report.

Adjutant: Dobransky. No report.

Auxiliary: Dowd. No Report

SAL: Maxwell. No report.

Motion presented by Commander Puente to suspend Regular Meeting to conduct Election of Officers. First by Reddeman; Second by Lloyd. Discussion: Past Commander Chaplin advises per the By-Laws, since a mailing of Elections to Members did not occur, then the elections cannot be held. Dobransky advised according to the By-Laws this is a correct statement. Membership present voted to continue with the election process regardless. Motion by Killian to proceed, Ivan second. Discussion ensued that if the election is later ruled invalid, then the election would again be held at the June meeting following notice mailing. Salvia asked that all be properly documented. Voice vote passes. General discussion then ensued to have non-Legion members leave the room during the vote process. Review of Post By-Laws is silent on this subject. The election of officers then proceeded. Vote results: Commander: Puente 28, John Robinson 17. Senior Vice Commander: Norm Tibbs 23, Phil Weitlauf 18. Junior Vice Commander: Bill Colegrove, unopposed. Finance Officer: Ray Williams, unopposed. Chaplain: Ed Merritt, unopposed. Historian: Ivan Emiline, unopposed. Sergeant-at-Arms: Denny Lloyd, unopposed. Executive Committee (3): Jack Winder; Don Reddeman; Matt Tibbs, unopposed. Motion by Haden to destroy ballots, second by Bowman. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Adjutant Note. It was determined following this meeting, by a ruling from 18th District Judge Advocate, Rodney Galbraith, both verbally and in writing, that this election has been deemed invalid, due to not being held in accordance with the Post By-Laws. Proper notice by mail to Membership had not been provided prior to the elections. Therefore, Elections of Officers to be held at the next Membership meeting scheduled for 18 June, 2013, 19:00, proper notice to membership by mail to have taken place. Therefore, I have omitted from the above election results all first and second motions, any following discussions, and any reading from the Adjutant to votes placed for offices running unopposed.

Motion made by Commander Puente to resume the Regular Membership meeting. Powers first, Reddeman second. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. New Members to vote in:

Harlen Thome, Army, Korean War. Motion: Reddeman, Second: Green. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Michael Augustine, Army, Granada, Lebanon. Motion: Moore, Second, Robinson. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: Robinson. Relay for life and Special Olympics.

Honor Guard: Moore. (8) burials at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Poppy: Reddeman. No Report

Honor Walk: Davison. No Report

Memorial Day Parade: Salvia. \$5,000 in donations received to date. Any excess after expenses to be given to the General Fund. Several local businesses have contributed to the Parade Fund. Also, Bill McMillian, Knights of Columbus, is leaving the area, and a letter of appreciation and a certificate of thanks would be appropriate.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. No Report

Bingo: McDonnell presented the Bingo report. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Ivan. No discussion. Voice Vote Passes.

Club Room: Mike McDonnell discussed April 2013 results. See attached report. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Lloyd. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell advises about \$1,200 was received during April.

American Legion Riders: Paul Kolleda discussed the challenge coin program. Also, Commander Puente recognized ALR's landscaping work done on Post grounds for the parade.

House & Building: Puente. No report.

Executive Committee: No Report

Unfinished Business: No Report

New Business: Dobransky mentioned the (2) Boys State Program applicants were submitted to Department along with \$350 per applicant.

Correspondence: Dobransky. Western Oakland Meals on Wheels having their 6th annual walk and run on June 1, and are looking for donations to their cause. Executive Committee made no motion at their meeting. No motion on the floor.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan, State Trooper Program, for Michigan high school students entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades, are having their annual program, this year being July 14 to July 19, and are looking for candidates to the program to be sponsored at a cost of \$350 per candidate. Executive Committee made no motion at their meeting. No motion on the floor.



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A letter from Clayton Jackson Program to build a gazebo on the Post grounds as part of his pursuit to earn his Eagle Scout rank. He wants to use the Post hall to have a fundraiser dinner and talent show, and is seeking Post authorization to proceed with this project, at no cost to the Post. Executive Committee voted to pass this request at their meeting. Motion by Tibbs, Second by Reddeman. Discussion: Clayton would plan to be at the next meeting to present his ideas. Voice vote passes.

Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council is having its 5th annual golf outing on August 3rd, and is looking for hole sponsors for a donation of \$100 per hole. Deadline for submission is July 20. Executive Committee voted to pass this request at their meeting by a vote of 5 yes and 4 no. Motion by Weitlauf, Second by Merritt. Discussion. SAL and ALR to donate as well, and Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, donated \$20 cash. Voice vote passes.

Good of the Legion: Norm Tibbs made a motion, second by Killian, to delete Article V, Meetings, Section 3, from the Post By-Laws, that reads, "The post Adjutant shall cause notice of the Annual Election of Officers and the date of regular and special meetings, which shall be mailed to all Post Members. Members should keep the Adjutant and Senior Vice Commander informed of any change of address, at all times." He makes reference to Article VIII, Amendments and Additions, Section 1, from the Post By-Laws, that reads, "These By-Laws may be amended, suspended or by new By-Laws adopted at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of the members present at such meeting." Mr. Tibbs further stated that if this vote passes by two-thirds majority, then the election just held this evening would stand. Discussion. John Robinson is of the opinion the By-Laws would have to be approved by Department. Other inaudible discussion occurred. Hand count vote failed based on failure to meet the two-thirds majority requirement. There were 19 yes votes and 16 no votes. To pass the yes votes would have required 24 votes.

Steak fry is the third Thursday of each month, starting on May 23.

Maxwell advises that Legion caps should not be worn at a bar or while drinking, as they are for formal events only.

SAL: McDonnell advised SAL has sent (2) boys to the Boys State Program.

Auxiliary: Dowd introduced Cathy Merritt as the newly elected President for the Auxiliary.

Closing: Commander Puenta: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 21:10, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 18 June 2013, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Junior Vice Commander Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 18:10 Tuesday 21-May-2013, as Commander Puente arrived later.

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No review of minutes from 16 April, 2013, as no quorum was obtained.

Agenda Items: Weitlauf mentioned tonight is election night. Dobransky mentioned a nomination sheet that was posted in the Club Room had several names crossed off, and general discussion suggests that one person had crossed off the names earlier in the day today. It was decided this matter would be brought to the attention of Membership at the Membership meeting this evening.

Old Business: No Reports

New Business: Dobransky advised of several pieces of correspondence that requires attention, asking for donations from the Post, as follows:

Western Oakland Meals on Wheels having their 6th annual walk and run on June 1, and are looking for donations to their cause. No motion on the floor.

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Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council is having its 5th annual golf outing on August 3rd, and is looking for hole sponsors for a donation of \$100 per hole. Deadline for submission is July 20. Motion by Weitlauf, Second by Merritt. Jody Dowd asked if the money could come from the Special Fund, the answer is no, it comes from the General Fund. Also, pass this information onto the SAL and ALR. Hand vote had 5 yes and 4 no. Motion passes.

Department of State has annual convention coming up on June 27, and we are allowed 9 delegates. Reddeman volunteered to be a delegate from the Executive Committee. Post pays for registration fees and the cost of the hotel stay.

Dobranksy mentioned an annual Post financial audit is coming due. Williams to check be discussed further.

Williams presented treasurer report. There are multiple reports he reviews, and consolidates them for easier review. Income for April, less cost of goods and other expenses, ended the month with a negative (\$4,012). Bingo has provided \$4,500 to the Post from April. All checking and cash account assets year to date = \$11,957.32.

Reddeman advised only (3) Legion members showed to distribute poppies. Very poor turnout produced low poppy donations.

ALR member Paul Kolleda requested \$100 from the Legion for mulch around the Post grounds. The ALR has already donated \$100. ALR weeded and spread mulch to prepare the grounds for the upcoming parade. He also brought up the challenge coin program. Will leave sign-up sheets in the Club room for anyone interested.

Merritt advised his wife, Cathy, has been voted in as President of the Auxiliary.

Closing: Commander Puente made motion to close Executive Committee meeting, Second Merritt. Voice Vote Passes. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 18:50 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed. **The next meeting is 18 June, 2013, 18:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobranksy, Adjutant