



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 19:15 Tuesday 20-May-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	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Ivan Emiline		X	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Denny Lloyd	X		
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman	X		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder	X		
Exec. Committee	Matt Tibbs		X	
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Guests: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary; Candy Gest; Mike McDonnell, SAL; District 18 Judge Advocate, Rodney Galbreath.

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 15 April, 2014. Motion by Nelson to accept, Second by Davison. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Motion by N. Tibbs, second by Winder to suspend regular meeting to conduct Election of Officers. No discussion. Voice vote passes. There are 27 Post 216 Legion members present to cast votes.

Vote Results: All positions ran unopposed, so Adjutant Dobransky cast one single vote for each office, resulting in the following: Commander, T. Puente; Senior Vice, N. Tibbs; Junior Vice, S. Hernandez signed up but was not present and no letter of intent at the time of voting, no other nominations, open position; Finance, Ray Williams; Chaplain, Tom Kemper; Historian, E. Merritt; Sergeant at Arms, M. Tibbs; Executive Committee, Paul Kolleda; Executive Committee, Billy Colegrove; Executive Committee, Ed Lynch signed up but was not present and no letter of intent at the time of voting, open position. Following the elections, D. Dobransky was appointed to and accepted position of Adjutant, and T. Neff was appointed to and accepted position of Judge Advocate.



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The two open offices of Junior Vice and Executive committee person to be reviewed again at the next meeting for anyone interested.

Motion by E. Merritt to resume the regular membership meeting, Second by Moore. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Reports of Officers:

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

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. Excused, no report.

Finance Officer: Williams. April report: Gross income \$37,962; Cost of Goods \$24,274; Gross Profit \$13,687; Expenses \$15,226; Net Loss (\$1,539). YTD net income (\$2,283). Paid over \$8,000 for snow removal compared to last year just over \$4,000, due to record snow fall. General Fund balance is \$9,890. Special fund balance is \$3,593. The Bank of America loan balance is \$4,827. This year's fish fry netted \$2,456 compared to last year's \$2,090. Motion by Reddeman, Second by Devorski. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: E. Merritt. End of year report: Post lost 11 members deceased including Auxiliary and SAL. Went to 9 funerals. Distributed cards and flowers as needed. Participated in multiple holiday events. Continued prayers for the family of Thomas Burke, Legion. Continued prayers for speedy recovery from sick call: Dave Horst, Legion; Pat Dowd, SAL; Ray Lapine, Legion; Brian Hamilton, SAL; Paul Lear, Legion; and Gary Gibbons, SAL. Commander Puente provided a word of appreciation for E. Merritt, as he moves onto his next office of 18th District Chaplain.

Service Officer: Reddeman. No report.

Historian: Emiline. Excused. No report.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Reminded members of the upcoming Department convention in June. Asked if any members are interested in going as a Post delegate. Accepted are M. Kotas, E. Merritt, R. Williams, and P. Kolleda. We are allowed up to 9 delegates, so there are still openings. Also, Cub Scout pack 52 provided a note of thanks for the Post's \$300 donation.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt: No report.

SAL: Maxwell. Burger nights coming to an end for the summer, to be replaced by steak night every 3rd Thursday of the month. Also, SAL had the carpet replaced in the hall entry at the top of the stairs. M. McDonnell advised B. Maxwell is the leading candidate for Detachment of Michigan Commander, SAL.



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Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Post has 360 paid members so far for 2014, 100% membership goal for 2014 is 386, and at this time we are at 94% of the goal for 2014. Commander Puente advises we have also transferred in (26) members from the White Lake Post No. 420.

New Members: 1.) Alan Keeler, Gulf war, Army. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Kolleda. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

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

Honor Guard: Chowaniec. Rendered honors for Thomas Burke and eight (8) other veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery, and George Coleman at Milford Memorial Methodist church.

Poppy: Reddeman. Had a good year, but still adding up donations.

Honor Walk: No report.

Memorial Day Parade: Commander Puente advised the parade progress will be reported via the Executive Committee minutes.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Will be presenting scholarships to Milford and Lakeland recipients at \$1,000 each.

Bingo: McDonnell. March: Gross Bingo \$10,924; Gross tickets \$12,692; Ticket prizes \$9,428; Bingo prizes \$7,395; Gross Profit \$6,445. Deposits tickets \$3,264; Deposits Bingo \$3,278; Beginning check book balance \$1,836. Ending check book balance \$907; Bingo turned over \$3,000 to the Post. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Nelson. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. Income \$8,224. Cost of Goods Sold \$3,290; Gross Profit \$5,004; Expenses \$7,589. Net loss (\$2,582). Motion to accept, First Williams, Second Lloyd. Dobransky asked what drove the net loss. Taxes due in April is the primary reason. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. Beginning balance \$570; Ending balance \$1,080. Motion by Reddeman, second by Kolleda to accept. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Kolleda. A note of thanks for all that helped out with the Post clean-up outdoors. Also, flag retirement on June 14. In addition, will be taking a round table to refinish with decals.

House & Building: N. Tibbs. Building to be power-washed, and flags in need of replacement prior to the parade.

Scouts: Chris Cook. Provided a report for Spring Quarter 2014, Cub Scouts troop 52. Started quarter at (\$589) and ended the quarter at \$1,830. Will assist with the flag retirement ceremony.

Executive Committee: Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for April 15, 2014. Motion to accept. First, Nelson, Second, Walbaum. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Unfinished Business: Dobransky. Discussed proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, as voted upon last month. Reviewed by Judge Advocate T. Neff. Motion made by N. Tibbs, second by Kolleda, to review the changes prior to voting. Voice vote passes. Motion to resume meeting by E. Merritt, second by Kolleda. Motion made to accept the changes by Nelson, second by Nevorski.



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Discussion. T. Neff pointed out a couple of corrections to be made prior to sending final document to Department for approval. Voice vote passes.

New Business: E. Merritt advised the District Memorial service will be held at the Post in April 2016. R. Williams advises Post will receive \$475 balance of funds from the dissolved White Lake Post.

Good of the Legion: N. Tibbs advises flags will be placed at several local cemeteries. Richard Chowaniec presented plans for adding sidewalks around the Post, including re-striping of the parking lot. May be a donated item from a local Milford resident, John Crissom. Commander Puente proposed the plan be presented at the next Executive meeting.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:55, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 17 June, 2014, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Senior Vice Commander N. Tibbs called the meeting to order at 18:10 Tuesday 20-May-2014.

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	Bill Colegrove	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
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Approval of Minutes: Review of Executive Committee minutes from 15 April, 2014.

Old Business: Dobransky mentioned claim to be submitted to insurance carrier, Conifer Insurance, under the Equipment Breakdown coverage for the damaged handicap chair lift subject to a \$500 deductible. Norm Tibbs to be primary claims contact for the post. Loss is \$1,007.

N. Tibbs advises the front porch is falling apart, and a bid to do the work is \$4,870 to replace with concrete as is currently in place. Commander Puente made a suggestion to replace the concrete with wood structures – bid submitted for \$2,500 to be presented at the next meeting.

N. Tibbs advises no funds to repair parking lot at this time. Williams mentioned possible bank loans to cover both the front porch and the parking lot. Maxwell suggested possible fund raisers. Commander Puente not for bank loans.

Commander Puente advised of Legion junior baseball insurance costing \$425. Motion by Denny Lloyd to allow this expense, second by Reddeman. Voice vote passes.



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Dobrasky advised the proposed changes to the Post constitution and B-Laws have been incorporated, based on last month's reading, and we are ready to vote on same this evening.

State convention Post delegates to be determined this evening after the election of officers.

New Business: General discussion centered on the upcoming parade, to include use of jeeps, water to be handed out, fly-overs, and mass mailings to veterans and local businesses.

C. Merritt advised the Auxiliary would take on the carnations. General discussion centered on a vote against the handing out of carnations by the Post at a prior meeting. Motion made for the Auxiliary to proceed by N. Tibbs, second by E. Merritt. Voice vote passes.

Motion to adjourn meeting by N. Tibbs, Second Winder. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 18:55.

The next meeting is 17 June, 2014, 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobrasky, Adjutant