



Post No. 216

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Minutes of the May 2008 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with the proper opening ceremonies being observed.

Chaplin Robert Janoska gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	x		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente		x	
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron		x	
Adjutant	Charles Hoobler		x	
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	x		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	x		
Historian	Robert Maxwell	x		
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison	x		
Exec. Committee	Dennis Finkbeiner		x	
Exec. Committee	Jim Hunter	x		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder		x	
Exec. Committee Aux	Linda Maxwell		x	
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell		x	

Minutes:

Commander Nelson presented the minutes of the April 2008 General Membership Meeting to the membership. Bob Janoska noted 2 corrections needed under Poppy on page 4. References to stamped envelopes need to be deleted.

Sentences should read; Letters will be sent out to members with a self addressed envelope in them along with a Poppy. The return envelope is to be used for Poppy Donations it is not for Memorial Day Parade Donations

Bob Janoska made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction. Bonnie Welbaum seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests:

Fred Morin, SAL Adjutant
George Peterson, Civil War re-enactors group

Guest Presentation:

The meeting was suspended to hear a presentation from guest George Peterson, Mr. Peterson asked for support from the American Legion in regards to the Civil War ceremony at Central Park during Milford Memories on Sunday, August 12th at 11 a.m. Mr. Peterson stated that this ceremony was to be a combined recognition for all veterans from the Civil war era to the present.

A motion was made after the presentation to return to regular business. The motion was made by Godwin, seconded by Hunter.

Report of Officers

Senior Vice Commander:

- **Scouts:** No Report
- **Baseball:** No report

Junior Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer:

- Finance Officer Ron Nevorski presented the April 2008 Finance Report. Nevorski made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by Hunter. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chaplain:

- Bob Janoska indicated there was no one on sick call or relief.
- Bob indicated that his pacemaker surgery was successful, and everything is progressing OK.
- Bob also reported that Legion member Bob Kronk had passed.

Auxiliary:

No Report

SAL:

- Fred Morin announced that the steak nights begin on May 29th, every 3rd Thursday until fall.

Committee Reports

Service Officer:

No Report

Historian:

No Report

Membership:

- No Report from the Membership Chairman
- Commander Nelson reported that the Post had received a certificate from the National Commander for achieving 100% of annual membership. The National Commander also sent a certificate of congratulations to Post Commander Nelson.

Boys State:

- Bob Janoska reported that Boy's State is on track.

Ceremonial Committee:

- John Moore gave a summary on the months activities of the Honor and Color Guards.
- Rich Chowanec reported on his conversations with MANG Lt. Col. Hugh Heft on travel reimbursements when our team supports the National Guard units at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Scholarship Committee:

- Skip Davison attended Milford High School honors night and reported that Michael Shue is Milford High's scholarship recipient.
- Skip will go to Lakeland High School the following day, where Steve Wilson is to be their recipient.

Poppy Committee:

- Bob Janoska reported that the response to Poppy sales was down a little this year..
- Bob submitted a report that was dated 5/19/2008 showing that total income as of that date for the Legion was \$1,533.09. The \$1,538.99 for the Legion and the \$387.50 split with the Auxiliary made a total \$1,920.59.
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Memorial Day Parade Committee

- Joe Salvia reported on the status of the Memorial Day Parade. This year more Scout groups would be participating along with church groups, and members of the Special Olympics who will be there to support paralyzed veterans.
- Gravesite flag installation and replacement will take place on Saturday May 24 at 8.00 a.m. at Milford Oak Grove, Milford Memorial, and St. Mary's cemeteries. The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will work with the Legion volunteers.
- Bob Janoska brought up the past precedence of providing hospitality (drink or food) tickets to Memorial Day Parade participants. The recommendation was to provide 2 tickets (\$1.00 value for each) to each participant. A motion was made by Godwin seconded by Olmstead. Motion passed by voice vote.

Bingo:

No Report

Clubroom:

- Fred Morin gave the April clubroom report. Bob Janoska made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Bowman. The motion to accept passed by voice vote.
- Bob Janoska reviewed the clubroom policy regarding the electronic entry card issued to members. He reminded the membership that when the card is accepted by the card reader at the door, it is logged into the computer which records the name of the person who is gaining access to the clubroom. The policy also states that the original membership entry card will be given to the member at no cost. If a replacement card needs to be issued then the member will be required pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.
- Bob Janoska also reported an incident where a member's card was given to a non-member. When the non-member entered the clubroom, the computer was checked, and the card was confiscated. Subsequently the Legion member asked that the card be returned to him. After a discussion with the membership about this request, a motion was made by Nevorski and seconded by Chowanec that the member be given back his card by paying a \$10.00 fee. The motion passed by voice vote, with one member voting Nay.

Legion Riders:

- Jack Olmstead introduced himself as the new Director of the American Legion Riders for Post 216. Jack emphasized he is looking forward to building upon the already great organization that Riders have here in Milford. He also covered some of the upcoming Rider events.

House:

- Ron Nevorski reported on the leaking roof problem, and indicated a team is working on resolving the problem.
- Ron also brought the membership up to date on the ongoing landscaping projects prior to Memorial Day.

Unfinished Business:

- John Nelson reported that he has been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the 18th District.

New Business:

- Historian Robert Maxwell suggested procuring electronic picture frames which would display historical pictures and possibly replace the organizations wall charts. This would enable the consolidation of space and provide additional information about the officers, which could include photographs. Bob Janoska made a motion to have Robert pursue the costs and feasibility of this project and report back to the membership. The motion was seconded by Bowman and passed by voice vote.
- Bonnie Welbaum shared PVA and Veterans information she received at a meeting that she attended at the State Capital.
- Jack Winder stated that one of the Bingo participants had an ill daughter and that a Golf Outing fundraiser has been organized. A motion was made by Robert Maxwell to support this fundraiser

by sponsoring a hole for \$100.00 out of the general fund. The motion was seconded by Nevorski and passed by voice vote.

- John Nelson submitted a list of names for Committee Chair appointments that he has made as Commander. The names were presented to the membership for approval. A motion was made to accept these appointments by Bob Janoska. The motion was seconded by Winder and passed by voice vote.

Good of the Legion:

- Angelo Pellegata reported on the American Legion Yard sale, saying that a lot of help would be needed. He distributed a new flyer that has the corrected dates of July 12th and 13th for this fundraiser.
- Joe Salvia received a request from the YMCA for a flag raising ceremony on Saturday, May 31st at 10.00 a.m. Color Guard participants to meet at the Legion at 9:15 a.m.
- Rich Chowaniec led a discussion on the need to raise the 25 cent mileage reimbursement for the Honors team commuting to Great Lakes National Cemetery. The increase would ease the impact of higher gas prices. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to raise the amount of reimbursement to \$20.00 per vehicle, per trip. Motion by Nevorski, seconded by Janoska and passed by voice vote with one member voting Nay.

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by John W, Moore, Acting Adjutant.