



The American Legion
Ernest F. Oldenburg POST 216
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 19:18 Tuesday 16-April-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		
Chaplain	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Vacant	-	-	-
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec			X
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman		X	
Exec. Committee Aux	Jody Dowd	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 19 March, 2013. Motion by Reddeman to accept, Second by Waldron. Corrections to minutes include correcting the word “Chaplin” to “Chaplain”. Mike McDonnell voiced his appreciation for the quality of the minutes – much appreciated Mike! Voice Vote passes.

Guests Introduced: Rich Cherf, ALR, and Mike McDonnell, SAL.

Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: Vacant

Jr. Vice Commander: Weitlauf. Excused absence. No report.



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Finance Officer: Williams. Total account balances \$17,060, but this is deceiving in that the General Fund has a balance of only \$35, with bills due this month of about \$800. However, a good check from the Bingo fund for \$2,500, so we will end month of April in better shape, in the black, than year to date. March looked better because of the fish fry income, and April is seeing better results because of Bingo income. Financial reports handed out for viewing by membership. We are now about break even on year-to-date expenses. All bills are paid to date. 2013 already looks promising when compared to 2012.

Bank of America loan balance is \$6,705. Last month the balance was lower, but a fee of \$150 was charged to the account to maintain the loan. Williams to see if we can get a better loan rate elsewhere.

See reports attached. McDonnell commended Williams for the excellent reporting. Motion to accept Mathison, Second Salvia. Discussion: Salvia brought up possible issues in trying to change the mortgage account. McDonnell asked if the dog training rental use of the hall is being paid. Williams advises a check for \$500+ from that group. This has been an on-going source of income to the Post. Voice Vote passes.

Chaplain: Merritt. Sick call – See attached report. Pat Dowd is now home. James Valentine, Vietnam era Veteran, is now home after being diagnosed with lung cancer and projected only six months to live. Also keep all of the fallen comrades and their families in our prayers in their time of grief.

Service Officer: Reddeman. Excused absence. No Report

Historian: Vacant

Adjutant: Dobransky. Next month is election of officers, and posting is on bulletin board for interested members to sign up.

Auxiliary: Dowd. Kid's Easter party held on Sunday, March 24, 2013, cost was \$16. Gift cards purchased at Christmas time were used to help fund the party. Puente thanked the AUX for their support in helping out during Bingo nights.

SAL: Maxwell. Advised that burger nights are each Thursday, with last one for season on Thursday, May 16. Then there will be a steak fry night every 3rd Thursday of the month through September.



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Committee Reports:

Membership: Mike Kotas. New Members to vote in:

Christopher Heath, Marines. Service era not stated. Motion: Robinson, Second: Merritt. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: Robinson. On May 4 there are two events: Relay for Life, and the Special Olympics. May 18 is a parade in Livingston County. Then Memorial Day is approaching.

Honor Guard: Robinson for Moore. Did some funerals last month at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery. Did a funeral at St. Mary's church. for (5) funerals. Also did another funeral at a cemetery, and a couple more at a funeral home.

Poppy: Puente for Reddeman (excused absence). Poppy weekend is weekend of May 17. Need volunteers to help out. AUX ordered and received the poppy's. Money raised will go to the Special Fund to help the Veterans of our Post and community in their time of need.

Honor Walk: Davison. No Report

Memorial Day Parade: Joe. Parade cost not expected to exceed \$6,000. Based on last year's donations, he expects we should bring in about \$8,000. Need to speak to AUX and SAL about assistance for the lunch program. Puente advised to communicate the money transactions with the Finance Officer. McDonnell brought up discussion to provide (2) free post-parade drinks to registered parade participants costing about \$260. Motion made by Robinson, Second Mathison. Voice vote passes.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Have chosen two students, one from Lakeland and the other from Milford High schools, to receive educational scholarships, to be awarded May 22 and 23.

Bingo: McDonnell. March 2013. See attached report. Gross sales \$11,002 ; Gross tickets \$13,710; Ticket prizes \$10,141; Bingo prizes \$8,752; Gross profit \$5,499. Bingo gave check to Legion for \$900. Ending checkbook balance for March \$2,828. Motion to accept Davison, Second Bishop. No discussion. Voice Vote Passes.

Club Room and Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. Tickets balance \$899. Club Room March income \$9,373; Cost of Goods \$2,909; Gross Profit \$6,464; Expenses \$3,537; Net Profit for March \$2,927. Puente advises this is one of the better numbers he has heard in some time. McDonnell advises this is in large part to the volunteers for the fish fry that only required about 4 hours per week of time. This reflects how much income can be generated by a small amount of time. Motion to accept Walter; Second Merritt. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. See above.



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American Legion Riders: Paul Kolleda, Director. Introduced Rich Cherf as the treasurer. Mentioned other ALR members in attendance. ALR is here to assist the Legion.

House & Building: Puente. No report.

Executive Committee: No review of minutes from last month, as no meeting was held.

Unfinished Business: Dobransky. No unfinished business to report.

New Business: No new business to report.

Correspondence: Dobransky. Read information regarding the Great Lakes National Cemetery annual golf outing, to be held on August 3, with an entry deadline of July 20.

Good of the Legion: Joe Salvia mentioned a possible fund raiser. Details not captured on audio tape.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 19:50 with proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 21 May 2013, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216

Tuesday 16-April-2013; 18:30. No meeting conducted, no quorum. Informal discussion by Puente, Williams, Dobransky, Reddeman and Dowd: Officer elections coming up next month. SAL – hot dog sales coming up. Poppy's are on order. Discussed possibility of purchasing a used truck to do own snow plowing, given the cost of snow removal per push. Pay about \$3,800 to plow now.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 21-May-2013; 18:00.