



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

Senior Vice Commander N. Tibbs called the meeting to order at 19:00, Tuesday 21-April-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: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary; Mike McDonnell, SAL

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 17 March 2015. Motion to accept by Cook, second by Neff. Corrections: Per Chris Cook, change Patrol Blazer award to Trail Blazers award under the Scouts section, page 3. No further discussion or corrections. 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 March 31, 2015, total income was \$30,179; cost of goods sold \$19,053; Gross Profit \$11,126; Expenses \$7,583; Net Income = \$3,543. YTD net income \$8,991. The ALR loan balance = \$1,838. General fund balance = \$14,360; Special (poppy) fund balance = \$5,992. All April bills received have been paid to date. The 1st quarter 2015 has a positive balance of \$8,991, which will easily accommodate some heavy anticipated expenses in May, to include the parking lot repair, resurfacing and restriping, plus the annual high school scholarships.



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Also, the snow plowing service for this past winter was \$4,000, but the contractor cut the bill in half to \$2,000, so in essence the contractor provided the Post with a \$2,000 donation on services rendered. Motion to accept pending future audit by Cherf, second by Cook. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: E. Merritt for T. Kemper. Thoughts and prayers continue for Paul Kolleda for a full and speedy recovery following a surgical procedure. Also, from the Auxiliary, thoughts and prayers go out to Betty Oyster, Sheila Maxwell, and Heather Tibbs, for speedy recoveries.

Service Officer: Reddeman, absent, no report.

Historian: E. Merritt. Is still working on the Department's 100 year anniversary page, and has been able to enter officer information from Post 216 through 1936. Any long-term member that has photos please see Ed Merritt with the information so Ed can get this information entered for Post historical purposes

Adjutant: Dobransky. Thank you for all involved in keeping me informed during my time away over the last three months. During my absence I did a mass mailing informing membership of the Officer elections to be held at our next meeting on May 19. There are currently only 2 names on the officer sign-up sheet posted in the Club Room. Anyone interested in running for an officer position is encouraged to place their name on the sign-up sheet, or attend the meeting and be nominated from the floor, or, if you cannot be at the meeting send me a letter advising of your intent to run for an officer position. Also, informed membership of the 4 Post license plates I took with me to Florida, and was able to swap 3 of the 4 at posts in Florida. I will present them to membership at the May meeting. Also, read several notes of thanks from family members of recently departed veterans to our Post Honor Guard, including some donations for services rendered.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt. Reminded membership of the Red Cross blood drive, to be held at the Post, is set for May 14, to be held in the Post's hall between 2pm and 8pm.

SAL: McDonnell. Provided a free lunch on the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home day, serving 39 meals to veterans.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Advised current membership is at 370 members, and we are over 100% of goal, with final date set by Department is May 11. The Post has had 3 members transferred in to Post 216. Also, District 18 is in 3rd position in meeting membership goals.

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. Absent. No report.

Honor Guard: Chowaniec. Absent. No report.

Poppy: Williams for Kolleda. No donations received and no money issued out this past month.

Honor Walk: Kolleda. Excused. No report.



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Memorial Day Parade: Commander Puente informed N. Tibbs that all is moving forward and a mass mailing is going out next week. Cherf asked what the anticipated expenses for the parade will be. Also, what is the projected cost of the mass mailing for the parade? Dobransky will send Commander Puente an email requesting this information. Williams advised he can only advise what the parade cost the Post last year, being a cost of \$3,600, but he cannot advise on this year as he is not on the parade committee. N. Tibbs advised per Commander Puente anyone desiring to be a participant in the parade should be directed to the parade email at:

MILFORDMEMORIALPARADE@YAHOO.COM

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Absent. No report.

Bingo: McDonnell. March: Gross Bingo \$7,690; Gross tickets \$10,344; Ticket Prizes \$8,226; Bingo Prizes \$5,827; Gross Profit \$3,613; Deposit tickets \$2,118. Deposit Bingo \$1,502. Beginning check book balance \$1,305. Ending check book balance \$1,774. Bingo turned over \$1,800 to the Post. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Cherf, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. March: Gross Income \$8,691. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,981; Gross Profit \$5,710; Expenses \$5,395. Net Income = \$315. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. March: Beginning checkbook balance \$474; Ending balance \$1,723. Motion to accept pending any corrections by Neff, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Cherf. Post clean-up day is May 16 at 8:00am. Looking for volunteers to assist. Boy Scouts will be present. Also, making a motion to provide \$150 toward the purchase of flowers to be planted outdoors, Second by Williams. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Riders will be doing a flag retirement on June 14, and any volunteers to assist are appreciated. Also, the Riders are doing a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on June 13 from 5pm to 8pm at the Post. Also, received a quote to redo the Club Room bathrooms for \$18,600. The Post ALR is working on obtaining a grant to help fund this project, and the Riders have a special fund set aside toward this project in the current amount of \$4,800.

House & Building: N. Tibbs. Advised mulch has been donated to the Post for the upcoming clean-up by J.W. Fields. The parking lot is scheduled for repair on May 4, so the Post will be closed that day so this work can be completed, subject to weather permitting. The cost will be \$5,000 with SAL donating \$1,000 of this cost, so the net to the Legion will be \$4,000.

Scouts: Chris Cook. Advised the scout pack will assist with the Post clean-up. Also, the pack is set to march in the Memorial Day parade. Also, the scout's spring campout is May 29-31, this is where the scouts cross over to their new ranks. Lastly, the area of the proposed scout's storage shed have been staked out north of the garage. The appearance is to reflect that of the garage. Looking for a donated cement foundation. No projected cost to the Post for the shed. The shed is to be wood-structured with no windows. Much needed storage for scout property.



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Executive Committee: Sr. Vice Commander Tibbs advised there was no meeting held in March, so no minutes to review or approve.

Old Business: Dobransky. No report.

New Business: Cherf. Advised a mass mailing for a raffle was sent to Legion and SAL members. Did not have enough tickets to include the Auxiliary. The raffle is for \$500 to help raise money for the Post. To date, \$2,000 has been raised, less \$800 in expenses, for a net thus far of \$1,200. Also, if there are any concerns regarding where the money is coming from or going to, all books are open for review by anyone.

E. Merritt advised that officer elections are coming up for the 18th District on May 17, and he is running for the office of Junior Vice Commander, 18th District, and is looking for Post 216 support. A motion by Williams to support E. Merritt for this office, second by Colegrove. Discussion: Dobransky will provide District 18 with a letter of recommendation. Also, Neff asked about his current position of 18th District Chaplain. Ed advised he does not know who will run for that position, but it will be voted upon at the District meeting. Voice vote passes.

Also, E. Merritt has obtained some applicants for Boys State, and is waiting on other applicants, with applications due by May 14. The Post sends 2 boys to Boys State at a total cost of \$650. SAL also sends 2 boys to Boys State at the same cost. Dobransky made a motion to allow \$650 from the Post to send 2 boys to Boys State; second by Williams. Discussion: Cherf raised concern if the Post will have enough money to fund this and other Post expenses, such as the Memorial Parade. Dobransky advised Boys State is part of the Post By-Laws and to not fund this would require a change in the By-Laws. Voice vote passes.

Good of the Legion: Williams advised the Legion convention is coming up in June in Sterling Heights June 25-28. In the past the Post has paid up to \$300 per delegate for expenses incurred, such as hotel cost. This item can be discussed further at the May meeting.

Williams also advised that the past fish fry netted \$2,786; Laughs at the Legion netted \$652; and the 18th District provided \$50 toward the cost of the Commanders Tour.

Cherf advised he is still working on the \$5,000 Home Depot grant and is waiting to hear on their decision if the grant has been approved. Hopes to hear from them in the next 3 weeks. Home Depot was on site providing an estimate of about \$2,300 to do some painting, replacement of light fixtures, etc., should the grant be approved.

N. Tibbs says that the flags to line Commerce Street are in bad shape and 10 are needed. Cost to replace the flags would be \$220. Is this something the Post wants to do? Motion? Neff stepped up and advised the Post not buy the flags, and Neff would pay for the flags as a donation.

N. Tibbs advised the Township has ordered 1,440 flags for the cemetery, and volunteers from the Post will place the flags in the cemetery on May 23.

N. Tibbs advised per Commander Puente the liability insurance needs to be provided for Legion Baseball, and per Dobransky Legion Baseball support is part of the Post By-Laws. N. Tibbs advises the cost for the insurance will be paid for by the Post.

N. Tibbs advised that Poppy Days are May 14-16, and volunteer sign-up is in the Club Room.

C. Merritt thanked all that participated in the 18th District Memorial service.



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Closing: Senior Vice Commander Tibbs: 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 19 April, 2015, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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There was no meeting held on April 21, 2015.

The next meeting is 19 May, 2015 at 18:00.

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