



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 21-October-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 | 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; Boys State participants and family members, and National Honor Society representatives from Milford High School.

Motion by N. Tibbs to suspend regular meeting to hear presentations by Boys State program participants, Brian Ambum, Lakeland High School, and Brian Simonich, Milford High School. Also representatives from Milford High School for the National Honor Society. Second by E. Merritt. Voice vote passes. Each young man read letters of appreciation and overviews related to their experiences at Boys State. The National Honor Society representatives spoke and advised they would provide community service hours to the Post, in addition to other local community hours, to satisfy their community service requirements.

Motion by N. Tibbs to resume regular meeting business, second by Schimetz. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 16 September 2014. Motion to accept by Kolleda, second by B. Hall. No discussion & no corrections. Voice vote passes.



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Reports of Officers:

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

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. Advised the Legion picnic cost was \$718.19. Cash received via bingo, 50/50, donations, and can refunds = \$319.05. Net cost was \$399.14. Divided by three Post groups (Legion, SAL, Auxiliary = \$133.04 for each group. Job well done.

Finance Officer: Williams. Advised the month of August had a net loss of \$2,858 (Had an excused absence last month and had no report). For the period ended September 30, 2014, total income was \$34,925; cost of goods sold \$24,713; Gross Profit \$10,213; Expenses \$10,017; Net Income = \$195. YTD net loss = \$4,189. Bank of America loan balance = \$3,968. General fund balance = \$2,747; and Special fund balance = \$5,319. All bills through October 30 are paid. Motion by E. Merritt to accept the report pending any corrections, second Colegrove. Discussion: T. Neff asked why net loss in August. Was informed the reason was the cost of the front porch repair. Voice vote passes.

Chaplain: T. Kemper. No report. Commander Puente asked that Don Reddeman be kept in our thoughts.

Service Officer: Reddeman. Absent. No report.

Historian: E. Merritt. Advised the U.S Navy is now 239 years old.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Advised membership of the upcoming Commanders tour set for November 2 at 11:15am. Advised members of the \$1,000 received from the Hartland Community Council for their portion of the Memorial Day parade fly-over. Read letter from Michigan Attorney General, Bill Schuette, regarding a legal services guide available to military veterans. One copy provided to the Post, and also can be reviewed on line at the State of Michigan website. Advised membership of the Department scholarship program, further info available on the Department's website. Read a letter of thanks for Honor Guard service from the Walker family. Read a letter of thanks from the family of Ms. Eunice Valle, including a \$200 donation to the post, for Honor Guard services. Read several cards thanking the Post for services provided to Frank Serridge.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt: Kids Halloween party was held on October 19, and a good time was had by all. Kids Christmas party is being planned for either November 23, or December 14. Commander Puente advised Ms. Merritt to contact R. Williams for financial arrangements to cover the cost of the party.

SAL: McDonnell. No report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Dobransky for Kotas. Current paid membership for 2015 = 252, and we are at 73% of goal set for November 10 of 65% based on Department goal of 343 paid members, so we are currently ahead of goal. No new members to present.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

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



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Honor Guard: Nevorski. Rendered honors for (9) veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery the past month, plus (3) local services.

Poppy: Kolleda. Advised of a check issued for a veteran's rent at a cost of \$344.

Honor Walk: Kolleda. Gave a check to Williams from SAL for a brick in the honor of Frank Serridge.

Memorial Day Parade: No report.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. No report.

Bingo: McDonnell. September: Gross Bingo \$7,920; Gross tickets \$12,219; Ticket prizes \$9,312; Bingo prizes \$6,317; Gross Profit \$4,140. Deposits tickets \$2,907; Deposits Bingo \$1,233; Beginning check book balance \$1,138. Ending check book balance \$1,962; Bingo turned over \$1,500 to the Post. Motion to accept pending any corrections. First by Neff, second by Nevorski. Discussion: Cherf asked how some of the expenses are allocated, general discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Club Room: McDonnell. Income \$8,121. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,741; Gross Profit \$5,380; Expenses \$6,370. Net loss = \$998. Motion to accept pending any corrections. B. Hall first, second by Winder. Discussion: Dobransky questioned why expenses for September were about \$2,000 greater over the prior month. Various supplies cost more the past month, an extra pay period was in this month, and a utility expense was higher. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell. Beginning checkbook balance \$296; Ending balance \$199. Gaming tickets turned over a check to the Post for \$750. Motion to accept pending any corrections. First by Neff, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

American Legion Riders: Kolleda. Advised of November 1 \$500 raffle drawing. Also, chili cook-off to be held on November 1. Kolleda then called up John Schimetz to present a table to the Post for use in the Club Room that was refinished to include each branch of service emblems and the POW/MIA emblem. John gave credit for the work to Don Gilliam. Great Job!!

House & Building: N. Tibbs. Trees cut down around the N/E corner of the parking lot. Cleaned up kitchen. Sprinkler system has been winterized. Furnace to be serviced. New LED lights installed on the tank for flags, work donated by Ray Electric and Ray Lloyd. However, additional material for lights paid by Norm at cost of \$307.62. Motion made by Cherf, second by Kolleda, to reimburse Norm Tibbs for this expense. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Scouts: Dobransky for Chris Cook. Pack 52 will be conducting Scouting for Food throughout neighborhoods in Milford and Highland on November 1 for drop-offs, and November 8 for pick-ups. All donated food to be delivered to Community Sharing on November 8.

Executive Committee: Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for September 16, 2014. Motion to accept Kolleda, Second E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Unfinished Business: Dobransky. No report.



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New Business: Cherf advised of a press release created to be placed in the local newspaper. Also, emails to members to be issued via Constant Contact to include a Post 216 newsletter. Nevorski advised of old papers, including one from Henry Ford selling the existing Post property to the Post for \$1, and deeds for cemetery plots, are located in the safety deposit lock box at PNC Bank, Milford. Also, B. Hall advised the Special Olympics Christmas party is looking for use of the hall on December 6, 5:00pm to 11:00pm. Motion to donate the hall for this purpose. First by D. Lloyd, second by Schimetz. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Good of the Legion: E. Merritt advises of a \$500 scholarship program for descendants of war-time era veterans. Applications due by January 12, 2015, to the District Commander. Also, a thank you from the parents of the two young men we sponsored to Boys State. Cherf asked if the minutes will reflect the names of all committee chairpersons - Commander Puente tabled this to next month's meeting. C. Merritt advised of Wreaths Across America to be held on December 13 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Commander Puente advised to give thanks to the national Honor Society kids doing community work at the Post or for the local community veterans. Also, Veterans Day activities to be held during the week of November 11, as well as a formal ceremony at Central Park on November 11, at 11:00am.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:30, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 18 November, 2014, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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Approval of Minutes: Review of Executive Committee minutes from 16 September 2014. Motion to accept by E. Merritt, second by Kolleda. No discussion – no corrections. Voice vote passes.

Old Business: Bingo chairperson: Commander Puente volunteered to continue as the chairperson. Motion by Dobransky to accept, second by Kolleda. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Commander Puente advises no further news/updates on the parking lot modification via the Township of Milford. Will let this issue be tabled pending any further updates from Township of Milford.

Dobransky advised that veteran Mark Griswold is still deciding which plot he would like to use at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Per Chris Cook via email, The Village of Milford advised no cost for a permit for a Scout shed. However, they have requested we complete work and close out the permit for the gazebo (what needs to be completed needs clarification). Pack 52 to plan further for a shed.

Williams advises he received a check for \$1,000 from the Hartland Community Council for their portion of the Memorial Day parade fly-over.



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New Business: Dobransky read a letter from the 18th District advising of the Commander's Tour to be held on Sunday, November 2. Our Post to be visited at 11:15am. Also they are asking for a donation to assist with the cost of the tour. We discussed providing a cheese and cracker tray, plus drinks and snacks. Bill Colegrove will arrange for the food. Kolleda made motion to allow up to \$150 for food and drink tickets, second by Colegrove. No further discussion, voice vote passes. A second motion was made by Williams to provide \$50 for the cost of transportation, second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Kolleda - General discussion centered on Legion members that pay their dues directly to Department, that live within a 10-mile radius of Milford, and we will look at doing a membership drive to see if these members are interested in transferring to Post 216. Will look at a drive for either December or January 2015.

Kolleda mentioned a progressive card game, Queen of Hearts, to bring in money to the post. Start-up money would be provided by the Legion Riders to be repaid once the money starts coming in. The general public would be allowed, by law, to come in and buy tickets. Motion by Kemper, second by Dobransky, to allow further research by Kolleda via the State of Michigan. If all goes as thought, the game would commence in January. Voice vote passes.

Williams brought up snow plowing service and cost. N. Tibbs to pursue this issue.

Colegrove asked if we would hold a WWII veteran dinner this year. Motion by Kolleda to move forward with planning of this dinner, second by N. Tibbs. Discussion: costs from last year's dinner to be provided by Williams so we can decide on a cost limit at next month's meeting. Cherf asked about Korean War veterans, and it was decided this is a WWII veteran only dinner. Voice vote passes.

General discussion about providing a separate night to hold the Executive Board meetings to allow for more time, rather than being held on the same night as the general membership meetings. To be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by E. Merritt, Second by N. Tibbs. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 19:00.

The next meeting is 18 November, 2014 at 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant