



Post No. 216

Ernest F. Oldenburg Post #216, The American Legion, 510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381
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Minutes of the March 18, 2008 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM with the proper opening ceremonies being observed.

Chaplain Bob 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	Murray Burley		x	
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison		x	
Exec. Committee	Bob Godwin		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 19 February 2008 General Membership Meeting, and the 19 February 2008 Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes, to the membership. Bob Janoska made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction. Russ Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Guests:

Acting Sergeant at Arms John Moore reported 3 guests had signed into the meeting.

Robert Aranda – Visiting
Bill Casnowski – Milford 4th Degree K of C Council
Bill McMillan – Milford 4th Degree K of C Council

Report of Officers

Senior Vice Commander:

Sr. Vice Commander Puente Reported:

- **Scouts:** There was a Blue and Gold Banquet for Pack 52 on February 24th 2008 at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club. There were approximately 250 people present and 45 boys were inducted in to Cub Scouts.
The Boy Scouts have a Chicago Trip Planned. They will be staying in North Chicago at an American Legion Meeting site in St. Lukes Church.
The cannon in front of Post 216 will be painted before Memorial Day.
- **Baseball:** A fund raiser – Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament is scheduled this coming Friday Night March 18th. \$60.00 will buy \$1000 in chips. There will be 50/50 and Monetary Payouts.
- **Flag Retirement:** The next Flag Retirement is scheduled for April 19, 2008.

Junior Vice Commander: Jr. Vice Herron reported that he had no report at this time.

Finance Officer:

Finance Officer Ron Nevorski presented the February 2008 Finance Report. R. Nevorski made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by T. Herron. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chaplain: Bob Janoska reported the death of 5 times SAL PSC Jimmy Bigham his funeral was last Thursday he will be missed.

Commander Nelson reported that on May 2nd there will be a combined Legion, SAL and Auxiliary deceased member's memorial service held at Chief Pontiac Post in Pontiac Michigan.

Committee Reports

Service Officer: Service Officer Bruce Hayden reported:

- Jan 2008 helped 1 veteran with food and medications.
- SO Hayden is collecting funds to support 2 Marines being prosecuted for atrocities in Iraq. He asks Post 216 to approve \$218 from Poppy Funds to support the Marines to make the total contributions \$300.00. Support was Ron Nevorski. After discussion the original motion was amended to take the money form the General Fund with Support from Nevorski and Janoska. The motion carried by voice vote.

Historian:

- No report.

Membership: Membership Chairman Bruce Hayden reported:

- Post 216 is at 100.77% membership for 2008. The post has 33 new members, today we have 399 members + 4 deceased members = 403 total members. Our 2008 goal was 392 members.. This has significantly helped the 18th District to be the first District in Michigan to reach 100% Membership.
- Chairman Hayden made a motion that the following applicants be approved for membership in Post 216:

Paul G. May	USCG	RVN	Support: T. Herron
Dennis R. Maurer	USN	RVN	Support: J. Webber
Michael Wagner	USMC	Lebanon/Grenada	Support: R. Chowaniec
Randy A. Manar	USA	RVN	Support: T. Herron
Thomas S. Dmoch	USMC	Korea	Support: R. Chowaniec

All motions for membership in Post 216, were approved by voice vote.

Auxiliary: No Report

SAL:

- Mike McDonnell requested additional help for the kitchen.
- There will be a Fish Fry on March 21st (Good Friday). This will be the only Fish Fry. Cost per plate is \$8.95.
- Hamburger Night will continue every Thursday Night.
- The SAL contributed a check for \$2000.00 to help with the refurbish of the Clubroom.

Veterans Honors & Ceremonial Committee:

- John Moore Reported: there are a lot of requests for the Honor Guard coming up for the months of April and May.
- John Moore thanked Rich. Chowaniec for his hard work in managing Phase 1 of the Honor Guard Certification.
- John Moore reported that there is a get well card being passed tonight for Lance Olberg. Please sign it.

Bingo: Co-Bingo Chairman Bruce Hayden reported:

- Bruce gave the January and February 2008 Bingo Reports and made a motion that both reports be accepted subject to future audit. Support was John Moore. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Bruce presented a check for \$2400.00 for January and one for \$1900.00 for February to the Finance Officer.

Clubroom: Co-Chairman Mike McDonnell reported:

- Mike presented the February 2008 Clubroom Report and made a motion to accept the report subject to future audit. Supported by Bob Janoska, and the motion passed by voice vote.
- A check for \$3000 from the Clubroom to the Post was submitted to the Finance Officer.

- A check for \$121.19 from electrical scrap recycling; cash \$27.00 from Herbert Beckwith; and \$40.00 Honor Flight Jar were turned over to the Post finance Officer were also turned over.

Legion Riders: Commander Nelson passed the gavel to Sr. Vice Puente and presented the following report:

- Sign-up Sheets for upcoming election of officers are posted on the boards in the Clubroom.

House: No Report.

Boys State: A motion was made by Bob Janoska and supported by Joe Salvia to pay for 2 scholarships to Boys State @ \$310.00 per scholarship along with another \$16.00 per boy for yearbooks.. The motion carried by voice vote.

Scholarship: Commander Nelson reported that the Scholarship Committee has to select the 2 recipients for the Scholarships.

Memorial Day: Committee Chairman Joe Salvia Reported:

- We have 3 meetings including this one to ramp up for the ceremonies. Progress is being made but there is a lot left to do.
- SAL and Auxiliary will handle the luncheon again this year.
- The goal as always is to have over 1000 Veterans in the Parade.

Poppy: Bob Janoska reported that Poppy Days is in May. Volunteers are needed to solicit donations on May 15 thru 17th.

Unfinished Business:

- **Outdoor lights and Flag Array:** Joe Salvia reported that we need to get the village concurrence that the Post is in accordance with their ordinance.
- **Air Quality Improvements:** Commander Nelson passed the gavel to Sr. Vice Puente and reported:
 1. The Executive Board reviewed the improvements that are done and pending.
 2. The total cost should be in the neighborhood of \$22,000.00 with all improvements expected to be complete by the end of March 2008..

New Business:

- **Correspondence:**
 1. The Adjutant read a note from Team Wicked of the Breast Cancer 3 Day Event thanking the membership and Post 216 for our donation to their cause. The Post charged the event planners the normal cost for the rent on the Hall and then donated the rental fee back to the event..
- **Recognition of Guests from K of C:** The guests from the Milford K of C 4th Degree Council talked to the membership of their requirements relating to patriotism and a desire to join with the Post on helping Veterans, programs and parades. Commander Nelson proposed a liaison

committee composed of Bob Janoska, and Joe Salvia as liaison with the K of C Council. The proposal carried.

Good of the Legion:

- Commander Nelson reported that Election of Officers will be conducted at the April Meeting.
- Bob Janoska made a motion that the Post donate \$300.00 toward the cost of purchasing a Troop Flag for Boy Scout Troop 33. Support was Joe Salvia. The motion carried by voice vote.
- Rich Chowanec Vice Chairman of the Milford Memorial Cemetery Committee reported that the committee was complaining about the broken and damaged flags on the ground in the cemetery. Joe Salvia will work with the 4th Degree K of C Council to review , inspect, and maintain the flags on the graves. Tony Puente added that the Boy Scouts will assist in this project also.
- Angelo Pellegata reported that a fund raiser auction is scheduled for June 2008 in the Post Parking Lot. No specific date has been set yet. Donations of merchandise valued at \$25.00 or more are being asked for. Letters to businesses in and around Milford along with Posters will be seen in the near future.

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by:
Charles L. Hoobler
Adjutant.