



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177
POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: October 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Minutes of the October 1, 2019 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. Total present: Officers: 5 Members: 15 Guests: 3
3. Chaplain Richard Duffett read a prayer
4. Acting Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Gibson POW/MIA flag
5. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
6. Preamble to the American Legion was recited by members present

Committee Reports and Correspondence:

- a. Commander: Reported three guests and possible new members.
- b. First Vice: No Report
- c. Adjutant: No Report
- d. Chaplin: No Report
- e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLoreto went over disbursements and Deposits

Disbursements:

9/3	Card	237.05	Emblem Sales
9/9	#313	38.05	Per Capita 9th District
9/10	#312	39.15	Per Capita Mahoning County Council
9/23	#310	990.00	Dept of Ohio Membership
9/24	#316	750.00	Flag Pole Etc (Flag Pole Lamp)
9/27	#315	6,636.06	Flag Giant (60' Flag Pole)
9/27	#311	192.50	Dept of Ohio Membership

Total \$8,883.46

Deposits:

9/16	245.00	Membership
9/16	3,700.00	Flag Pole Donations
9/27	494.22	McDonald's Cash Donations
9/27	500.00	Flag Pole Donations

Total \$4,939.22

Balance: \$4,453.73

Unfinished Business:

7. Motion to approve minutes from September 3 made and passed.

New Business:

8. **Flag pole recap:** Light and Flag pole on order. Vice Cmdr has lined up a company which will dig the hole. We will need concrete, mason, and erector.

November 9 is scheduled for flag dedication. This is the Saturday before Veterans Day - We had a lot of donors and wanted them to come, more chance of them coming on a Saturday rather than on Monday (Veterans Day).

Second phase is to be the dedication of three bridges which will be sometime next year, probably in the fall. (2020) Last year we gave info to state and it fell through the cracks. State Sen. Rulli got involved and it is now moving, it is through 2 out 4 steps one side, then 4 more on the other (House). Then plaques must be obtained, hope to get Boy Scouts involved. This is also our 100th anniversary so would like to have a luncheon at either the Methodist Church or St. Michaels Catholic Church. Cmdr spoke to Claire Neff about putting together the luncheon (with food). Hoping to request military vehicles for the Green/Lane/Methodist Church or St. Michaels. Schedule is tight to get everything together for November 9th (2019). Any delays will put this off. First Vice says we should go ahead and plan for the dedication but it will be contingent upon weather, order coming through, any other unforeseen events.

Too late to request a military flyover. These must go through the Pentagon now and there is a 180 day lead time.

Frank asked about the size of the flag base. It will be 6ft square hole at top, 6ft deep. Frank suggested bricks around flag pole eventually.

Chaplain reports coordination has been going well to get this through city council. Mentioned that timing is important for camera crews to come out. 9:30 would probably be best. Vindicator and Town Crier were also mentioned. Online Mahoning Matters will start up as well.

Cmdr would like our rifle squad to fire.

Cub Scouts to raise flag, with a possible tie in with cub scouts for St Michaels and Methodist Church

National Anthem: - Canfield Choir or Casey Moser Oles, or another singer was mentioned.

Flag folders - try to fold at home to hand out.

Rotary had extended their electric to end of Green 2 years ago and we plan to tie into that - a letter will be sent and we hope for \$1,000 donation for this.

9. **Veterans Day** will be Monday, November 11.

Finance Officer DiLoreto will go to the Nursing Homes, 7 possibly 8 nursing homes. Several others will be going as well.

1st Vice Coleman will be going to Hilltop Elementary, Milton unable to go to schools this year. Comic Books describing Legion will be handed out.

CH Campbell is also visited for Veterans Day. 1st Vice Coleman will coordinate. Frank and Bernie can go to Hilltop.

Jackson Milton elementary visit is probably last week in October.

Order Veterans Cards from Hilltop for distribution to shut-in veterans.

Fold Cemetery Flags at home to give out to the school children and veterans

10. McDonalds was a nice program for us. Channel 21 covered the event. Trey Locke's father owns a number of McDonalds, Trey manages Canfield's. He put out a flyer for us in coordination with the post. Post made just under \$300 from donations onsite. We also received commission from food sales that night. Total take was \$1,000.00

11. Fall Market on the Green helped to get word out about us. We plan to take part every year in the future.

12. Flag disposal for Veterans Day. We will delay this for later, possibly Flag Day 2020.

Memorial to Departed Member: Milton mentioned Harry Fawcett who played Taps throughout community, died Dec 2015, due to a photo being published in newspaper.

For the Good of the Legion:

Chaplain reported on the Till Open - \$4,600 check presented to the post. Auxilliary gets \$850 from Till Open as well this year.

Tomorrow night at city council Sam Pittulo offered to donate \$3100 to the Legion.

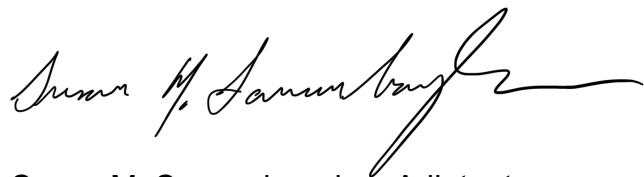
Wants this to be done at City Council, so this will be done tomorrow (Oct 2) at 5:30 at the City Building. City will give him a proclamation. We may receive other donations from the same source in the future.

Chaplain : Final prayer

Recover POW/MIA flag: Sgt-At-Arms Bill Gibson

Next Meeting: November 5, at 7pm (Election Day)

Meeting adjourned at 19:55 pm



Susan M. Sansenbaugher, Adjutant