



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: January 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Minutes of the January 2, 2024 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Yoder at 7:00 PM with 5 officers, 5 members and no guests present.
2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson, and a prayer offered by Chaplain Sansenbaugher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
3. Roll call of officers: First Vice Commander Cooper excused; Second Vice Commander position vacant; all other officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza.
5. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander: Thank you notes received from the Austintown Fitch High School Choir and the VA Food Pantry for our end-of-year donations.
 - b. First Vice Commander: Excused.
 - c. Second Vice Commander: Position vacant.
 - d. Chaplain: Nothing to report.
 - e. Adjutant: Nothing to report.
 - f. Finance Officer: Provided Finance Reports for December 2023. A password protected copy of the report can be viewed and/or downloaded [HERE](#).
6. Unfinished/Old Business:
 - a. Commander Yoder reported that paid membership stands at 112 with a 100% goal of 126. Past Commander Kubitza stated that earlier numbers from District puts our 100% goal at 122. Commander Yoder will communicate with Bill Dittebrand at District to clarify. (Subsequent to the meeting, Dittebrand confirmed current paid at 113 and 100% goal of 122.)

b. Commander Yoder facilitated a discussion on donation amounts that will be solicited for additional names to be added to these new monuments. He recommended \$75 for Legion members and \$175 for non-members. Adjutant Coleman made a motion consistent with Commander's recommendation. Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson offered the second and the motion passed unanimously. There are less the forty (40) spots available on the two (2) new monuments. Legion members will be offered first opportunity to secure spots before solicitation is made to the general public. Some thought will need to be given as to how to notify the general public (Rotary? Chamber? News Article? CLSD Channel on Armstrong Cable?).

7. New Business:

- a. Regarding the status of Boys and Girls State applications, we have received two (2) for BS and three (3) for GS. In an effort to secure additional applications, the Adjutant will reach out to Ursuline and Mooney to see if they will consider making their Juniors aware of the programs. Depending on response from these Catholic schools, we may consider South Range.
- b. As per previous discussions, no decision will be made on the \$1000 scholarship until we have a final count on BS applications.
- c. Adjutant Coleman will begin process of requesting flyover for Memorial Day 2024.

8. Memorial to a departed member: Norman "Joe" Parry. Visitation Friday, January 5 from 5-7PM; and Saturday, January 6 from 10:30-11AM at Higgins-Reardon Funeral Home in Austintown. Funeral service at 11AM, same funeral home.

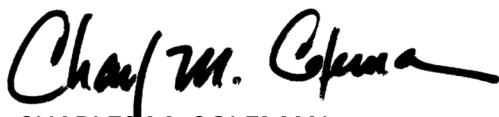
9. For the good of the American Legion: None.

10. Chaplain Sansenbaugher: Final Prayer.

11. Recover POW Flag: Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson.

12. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall.

13. Adjourn at 7:50 PM.



CHARLES M. COLEMAN
Adjutant