



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: August 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the August 1, 2023 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with 5 officers, 4 members and no guests present.
2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Finance Officer Dimoreto, and a prayer offered by Chaplain McQuain followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
3. Roll call of officers: Second Vice Cooper excused; Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson excused; all other officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza.
5. Committee reports, correspondences:
 - a. Commander: Nothing to report.
 - b. First Vice Commander Cooper: Excused.
 - c. Second Vice Commander Yoder: Nothing to report.
 - d. Adjutant Coleman: Nothing to report.
 - e. Chaplain McQuain: Nothing to report.
 - f. Finance Officer Dimoreto: Provided Finance Reports for July and August. Per request of Commander Kubitza and approved at the AOM, details of the Post's finances will not be reported in the monthly minutes. Reasoning is the Post's website is a publicly accessible site which means minutes are publicly accessible. Adjutant/Webmaster Coleman will investigate method(s) to make meeting minutes password protected "for members only." Until such time, no financial information will be reported in the monthly minutes. Members interested in details of the monthly financials can email Finance Officer Dimoreto directly. Ray Skerkovich made a motion that the July and August minutes be approved. Susan Sansenbaugher offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. Adjutant Coleman, Past Commander Kubitza and Second Vice Yoder reported on the presentations at the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery and Design Review Boards. Each will make a recommendation to the City Council on our sign recognizing donors to the construction of the Veterans Plaza. Each Board recommended DISAPPROVAL for the same reasons:

- (1) The sign is too large and will set a precedent for future signs on The Green.
- (2) The design of the sign is not consistent with the quality of the Veterans Plaza.
- (3) The sign recognizes donors when the plaza is meant to recognize veterans. Also, many of the donors probably have no desire to be recognized.

b. The Boards are recommending bodies. Final approval rests with City Council, the Mayor and the City Manager. The next City Council Meeting is on August 9, 2023. Members are encouraged to attend in support of the beautiful sign.

7. New Business:

- a. Finance Officer and Honor Guard OIC Dom Diloreto has completed estimating the cost to properly outfit nine (9) Honor Guard members from Emblem Sales and local procurement at \$1,317,50. As the costs of Emblem Sales products is expected to rise, Past Commander Kubitza made a motion to authorize expenditure of \$1,750.00 for procuring none (9) uniform sets. Ray Skerkovich offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Past Commander Kubitza made a motion that the Post donate \$1,355 to Wreaths Across America to festoon the graves of veterans in Canfield East Cemetery with Wreaths at Christmastime. Finance Officer Diloreto offered the second. Commander Duffett and Susan Sansenbaugher opposed a vote at this time. Past Commander Kubitza said the donation was required to be made next week. On vote there were 4 yeas and 5 nays and the motion was defeated.
- c. In reviewing Memorial Day activities again, Past Commander Kubitza stated that there needs to be better coordination with the High School Band as to their location on arrival at the Veterans Plaza so as not to inconvenience the Post Color Guard/Honor Guard. Also, the direction of speakers might be better if facing south rather than north.
- d. Commander Duffett asked for discussion on the Americanism & Government testing that the Post has supported for many years. The general sentiment of the members present was that it was a waste of time for the students and the Legion and Auxiliary. Discussion then coalesced on an Americanism Scholarship to be awarded by the Post to a student/students who completed an application and wrote a single essay on a topic determined each year by the post. Essays would be evaluated by members in much the same way that the A&G tests were. General

consensus was that this was a good alternative activity in support of the Legion's Americanism pillar.

8. Memorial to a departed member: Chaplain McQuain offered memorial remarks for departed Post member John Davis.

9. For the good of the American Legion: Chaplain McQuain offered to prepare a Post Member Directory listing each member who wishes to be included. There will be no cost to the Post. The Directory will be updated biannually with "sticker" changes annually. Members wishing to be Included in the directory can contact Chaplain McQuain directly.

10. Chaplain McQuain: Final Prayer.

11. Recover POW Flag: Finance Officer Diloreto.

12. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Officers are asked to arrive 15 min early.

13. Adjourn at 8:45 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chas M. Coleman". The signature is stylized with a large "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN
Adjutant