



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53  
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: December 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by First Vice Commander Cooper at 7:00 PM with 6 officers, 10 members and 2 guests present.
2. Hand Salute rendered. POW flag placed by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson, and a prayer offered by newly appointed Chaplain Susan Sansenbaugher followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.
3. Roll call of officers: Commander and Second Vice Commander positions vacant; all other officers present.
4. Recognition of Past Commander Mike Kubitza and guests Pat Toole of the "American Legion Riders" and Austintown Post 301; and Sam Swoger, County Legion Commander.
5. The first order of business was to have Sam Swoger swear in Second Vice Commander Mark Yoder as the new Post Commander. After his swearing in, Commander Yoder assumed the gavel from First Vice Commander Cooper and conducted the remainder of the meeting.
6. Mr. Toole reported on activities of the Legion Riders and advised Post members that they need not be members of Post 301 to join their Riders organization.
7. Committee reports, correspondences:
  - a. Commander: Commander Yoder thanked members for all their support during Veterans Day activities. He also advised that we are at approximately 60% paid memberships for 2023 with approximately 40 members not yet paid.
  - b. First Vice Commander: Nothing to report.
  - c. Chaplain: Nothing to report.
  - d. Adjutant: Adjutant Coleman reported that he had determined a way to password protect the Post's financial report contained in the monthly minutes. He gave members the password to open the financials.

e. Finance Officer Diloreto: Provided Finance Reports for November. A password protected copy of the report can be viewed and/or downloaded [HERE](#). Motion to approve report by Past Commander Kubitza; second by Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson and approved unanimously.

8. Unfinished/Old Business:

a. Adjutant Coleman reported that Summit Memorials has entered orders for the two (2) additional monuments for the Veterans Plaza; total cost \$5800. These monuments along with the replacement for the Platinum monument (on which Summit mis-spelled the word “platinum”) will be shipped from a quarry in India and all three (3) are expected to arrive by early February 2024.

b. Commander Yoder facilitated a discussion on donation amounts that will be solicited for additional names to be added to these new monuments. Discussion centered around differing amounts for Post members versus non-members. No final decision was reached at this meeting.

9. New Business:

a. The following end-of-year Post donations were unanimously approved by the membership:

(1). \$100, Gifts for Yanks (Motion by Kubitza, Second by Coleman).

(2). \$100, Austintown Fitch Choir (Motion by Kubitza, Second by Gibson).

(3). \$150 Zion Veterans Food Bank and \$350 to Veterans Clinic Food Bank (Motion by Kubitza, Second by Kosar).

b. Regarding the \$1000 Scholarship previously proposed as support for the Americanism and Government program (in lieu of the A&G test for which Canfield students did not take seriously), Past Commander Kubitza suggested that prior to committing to the scholarship we should wait and see how many applicants we have for Boys State. The \$1000 might better be used to send additional boys to State and still meet the requirement to support the Legion’s A&G programs. We can postpone a final decision until February without affecting either the Boys State or the potential scholarship decisions.

10. Memorial to a departed member: None.

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

12. Chaplain Sansenbaugher: Final Prayer.

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

14. Next regular Post meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall.

15. Adjourn at 7:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Char M. Coleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN

Adjutant