



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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DATE: 05 March 2016

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 01 March 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Eighteen (18) present (5 officers, 10 members and 3 guests).
3. The POW flag was placed by Bill Gibson and a hand salute rendered. This was followed by a prayer by Chaplain Kochert, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Legion Preamble.
4. Introduction of guests
 - a. CPT (R) Greg Cooper, USN
 - b. Allison Cooper
 - c. Barb Kubitza
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Commander reported that of Scotty Crawford will be recognized as one of the Civilian Youth award winners at the UVC Awards Ceremony on 18 March 2016.
 - b. First Vice - None
 - c. Adjutant - None
 - d. Chaplain - read a letter from the Austintown Fitch Choir thanking us for our donation.
 - e. Chaplain - advised the members of an upcoming luncheon at St. Nicholas Church in Struthers to honor Valley veterans on 22 March 2016. Veterans are admitted free, but must make reservations. Vice Commander noted the invitation details are on the Post website.
 - f. Finance - Commander reports current balance at \$ 2,130.78
 - g. SAL - Absent

6. New and Unfinished Business:

- a. A motion to approve the minutes of February's meeting was voted and passed unanimously.
- b. The Commander reported that a special meeting was held on 12 February 2016 to consider two (2) additional applicants to Boys State. Present for the meeting were Commander Kubitzka, Frank Cavanaugh, Bill Gibson, Matt Lewis, and Milt Kochert. The applicants - Victor Stesanides and Michael Halley - made presentations following which the members voted unanimously to forward both as additional Post selections to Boys State.
- c. Canfield Junior, Allison Cooper addressed the Post for her nomination to Buckeye Girls State application. She communicated her interests in speech, debate, choir and politics. She intends to go to Capital University in Columbus, OH.
- d. A vote was called and passed to approve the Applicant, Allison Cooper, to go to Buckeye Girls State on behalf of the Post.
- e. Dan Diorio presented his findings regarding the Military Veterans Center for food donations to veterans in need. His research resulted in findings that the organization does good work for veterans but that there are no local food banks operated by the organization. Therefore, if our Post would donate, local veterans would not benefit. It was the opinion of the Post to not support the Military Veterans Center but to instead support organizations that directly help local veterans.
- f. The Mahoning County Council of the American Legion will meet at the Canfield Township Hall on 03 February 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM. Members are encouraged to attend.
- g. In response to Dan's presentation, Dick Duffet mentioned that his Church, Zion Lutheran, already has a program in place where they leverage donated money to buy food from Second Harvest Food Bank at a 5:1 ratio to deliver food to local people in need. They also have a register of the recipients who are veterans. The Post decided to consider the opportunity for a future date.

7. **Next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 05 April 2016 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Canfield Township Hall.**

8. POW Flag recovered by Bill Gibson, closing prayer by the Chaplain, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chap. M. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CHARLES M. COLEMAN
First Vice Commander
Canfield American Legion Post 177