



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: 05 September 2015

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 01 September 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 1903 hrs.
2. Thirteen (13) members present, including officers.
3. Guests present: Gary Kommel, Commander, Mahoning County American Legion
4. The POW flag was placed by Bill Gibson and a hand salute rendered. This was followed by a prayer by Chaplain Kochert and the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Motion to approve the minutes from May's meeting passed unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Coleman 2nd Bill Gibson

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Commander - None
- b. First Vice - OMR (CPT Mark Williams and 2LT James Trakas) responded to the request for information on how OMR is funded for meals. Both confirmed that the Ohio Adjutant General's Department does not fund meals or transportation to drill and annual training. Wayne Recknor made a motion that the post make a one-time donation of \$100 to the local OMR entity. Dominic offered the second and the motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Adjutant - Excused absence.
- d. Chaplain Kochert reported that the Austintown 9/11 Memorial Ceremony would be held at 1000 hrs on 11 Sep 2015 at the 9/11 Memorial across from the Austintown Middle School on Raccoon Road.
- e. Finance (Ken Craig Excused) - Commander reports current balance as \$3,680.86.

f. SAL - Absent

7. New and Unfinished Business:

- The Commander reports forty-six (46) paid post members.
- The Commander introduced new member Matt Lewis who provided a brief biographical profile to the members assembled.
- The Commander reported that Ken Craig has resigned his position as Finance Officer because he will be out of state for the majority of each year. First Vice nominated Wayne Recknor to be the new Finance Officer. Bill Gibson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Commander reported nine (9) members have volunteered to man a booth at this year's Canfield Fair.
- David Hoffess will brief at the October meeting on his activities at Boy's State. City and Township officials will be invited to attend, as their donations allowed David to go.
- Dick Duffett presented the \$600 donation from the "Till Open" Committee to be used for student activities related to the Legion (Boy's State, Girl's State, and scholarships). Vice Coleman will prepare a Certificate of Appreciation.
- The Commander led members in discussing Veteran's Day activities. Chaplain Kochert had some very good recommendations. Consensus was to continue presenting cards prepared by elementary school students to veterans in local nursing homes. Also, one or two members will make presentations to Hilltop and CH Campbell students on Veterans Day.

8. **Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 06 October 2015 beginning at 1900 hrs in the Canfield Township Hall.**

9. POW Flag recovered by Bill Gibson, closing prayer by Chaplain Kochert, meeting adjourned at 2010 hrs.



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