



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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**DATE:** 10 October 2015

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 06 October 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 1903 hrs.
2. Fifteen (15) members present, including officers.
3. Guests present: Marie Cartwright (Canfield Township), Joe Warino (Canfield City), Alex Geordan (Canfield Local Schools), JT Whitehouse (Town Crier), David Hofsess (Boy's State Attendee), and Edward Hofsess.
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 September's meeting passed unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Coleman                      2<sup>nd</sup> Bernie Kosar

6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Commander - None
  - b. First Vice communicated with the principals of both CH Campbell and Hilltop Elementary Schools about participation in their respective Veterans Day activities. Post members will visit fourth grade classrooms to discuss what being a veteran means and to answer student questions.
  - c. Adjutant - Excused absence.
  - d. Chaplain Kochert provided information on a company that provides military medals.

e. Finance - Commander and new Finance Officer (Wayne Recknor) report that the transfer reconciliation is not yet complete and, therefore, there is no report this month.

f. SAL - Absent

7. New and Unfinished Business:

- David Hofsess briefed the members on his experiences at Boys State earlier this year. At the conclusion, the Commander presented him a framed Certificate of Appreciation from Post 177.
- Mr. Geordan briefed members on his experiences at Boys State in 1987. He also attested as to how the experience benefitted him in his career development. Finally, Geordan offered the district's full support of Boys State and the American Legion in all activities.
- The Commander thanked all members who volunteered at the Post display at the 2015 Canfield Fair.
- Commander reported that the Post has forty-nine (49) paid members.
- Commander identified the following activities in which Post members will be participating for Veterans Day:
  - Nursing home visits (Bill Gibson and Dominic Diloreto)
  - Retired Teacher's Luncheon (Mike Kubitza)
  - Elementary Schools (Chuck Coleman and Milt Kochert)
- First Vice described need to resupply Post stock of certificates, nametags, literature, etc at a total cost of approximately \$400. Frank Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the expenditures; Bernie Kosar offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.
- First Vice advised the members of his participation in a fundraiser for SUDS (Soldiers Undertaking Disabled Scuba) - an organization that teaches scuba diving to soldiers who have lost limbs. He recommended SUDS as a worthwhile charitable entity.

8. **Next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, 04 November 2015 beginning at 1900 hrs in the Canfield Township Hall (date change due to election on Tuesday).**

9. POW Flag recovered by Bill Gibson, closing prayer by Chaplain Kochert, meeting adjourned at 2000 hrs.



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