



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53  
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: May 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Minutes of the May 4, 2021 Post Meeting  
St. Michael Church, Canfield

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. 9 total present: 4 Officers, 5 members
3. Chaplin Duffett read a prayer.
4. Bernie Kosar placed the POW/MIA flag.
5. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
6. The Preamble to the American Legion was recited by the members present.

### **Committee Reports and Correspondences:**

- a. Commander:
  - i. Received thank you notes from VA Clinic for Aldi gift certificates; and from Memorial Day Foundation.
  - ii. Liability insurance renewal is upcoming. Current carrier (Auto Owners Insurance) premium was \$266.00 pa last year. Coverage is not as broad as we would like. Commander will talk with Jason Recknor, veteran and State Farm agent for quote.
- b. First Vice: Application for \$10K grant to assist in flag pole landscaping will be made to the Robert Irvine Foundation. Will need copy of tax exempt status and most recent IRS filing.
- c. Adjutant: Vacant. Susan Sansenbaugher transferred to Columbiana post.
- d. Chaplain: None
- e. Finance: Dominic went over the disbursements and deposits and reported current balance of \$12,098.37.

## **Unfinished Business**

7. Motion to accept meeting minutes for April. Bernie Kosar so moved; second by Ray and passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

8. First Vice Coleman advised that he has asked Envirosapes (formerly American Beauty Landscaping) for a proposal to take the conceptual flag pole landscaping design prepared by Canfield High School and develop detail necessary for preparing a bid package.
9. Chaplain/Mayor updated members on Mahoning County Health Department current guidance on COVID restrictions.
10. Considering current guidance and uncertainty about restrictions and limitations, it was decided to cancel the traditional Memorial Day Services and conduct a scaled back ceremony in a fashion similar to that the Post held in 2020. There will be a members-and-family only event at the Canfield East Cemetery beginning at 10:00AM on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021. Flyover by the 910<sup>th</sup> USAFR is still a “go” and the Canfield High School Band will be asked to provide two (2) trumpeters for the playing of Taps. Chaplain/Mayor Duffett will ask SGT Wells of the Canfield PD to live stream the ceremony on Facebook. Vice Commander will prepare an appropriate, abbreviated script for the event.
11. Chaplain/Mayor Duffett advised that the plan for a formal dedication of the flag pole was tentatively scheduled for June with dignitaries present, but he feels the COVID restrictions affecting our Memorial Day services will affect this activity, also. Therefore, a formal dedication will be postponed until a date TBD.
12. Finance Officer Diloreto updated members on activities at the County Veterans Council log cabin at the Fairgrounds. Help is being solicited for cleanup, flower bed maintenance, etc. Interested members should contact Dominic.
13. Commander Kubitza announced that Finance Officer Diloreto has been named United Veterans Council Veteran of the Year.
14. Commander Kubitza also reminded members to meet at the Canfield East Cemetery at 5:00PM on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 for placing of flags on veterans graves.

15. Commander Kubitza advised that 2021 Boys State and Girls State attendees will report back to the combined Legion and Auxiliary membership at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 and a time and place TBD.
16. At the second call for nominations of officers for 2021-2022, Coleman and Duffett withdrew their names from consideration for Commander. After discussion, the current slate of officers (Kubitza/Commander; Coleman/Vice Commander; and Diloreto/Finance) was offered. There being no further submittals, nominations were closed and a vote was held. The slate as noted above was approved unanimously by all members present. Coleman will assume the additional appointed role of Adjutant; and Duffett will continue as Chaplain. Announcement of Sergeant-at-Arms will be made at the next meeting, with full expectation that Bill Gibson will continue in the role.
17. For the Good of the Legion: None
18. Chaplain Duffett: Final Prayer
19. POW Flag recovered by Kosar.
20. Next Post activity: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:00PM, Canfield East Cemetery for flags placement.
21. Next Post meeting Tuesday, June 1, 2021 beginning at 7:00PM on The Green (weather permitting: bring lawn chairs); or St. Michael's Church Hall (inclement weather).
22. Adjourn at 8:30PM.

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

Chuck Coleman  
First Vice Commander