



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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May 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 11/5/19 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. 18 members present, including 5 Officers
3. Chaplain Duffett read an opening Prayer.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. POW Chair by Bill Gibson
6. The Preamble of the American Legion was recited by the members present.
7. Recognition of new members Joe Harvey, Eric Parisi, Jennifer Parisi and George NLN.
8. **Committee reports and correspondences:**
 - a. Commander:
 - i. Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission Salute to veterans Luncheon will be held on 12/5/19 at the Maronite Center in Youngstown.
 - ii. The American Legion seat on the County Veterans Service Commission will be vacant. Members interested in competing to fill this position should submit a letter of interest to The Commander by 11/30/19. Each post is permitted to submit three (3) nominations.
 - iii. There is a move afoot to request that the VA name the new Outpatient Services Clinic in honor of Carl Nunziato. Bernie Kosar gave a brief description of Nunziato's service to the nation and area veterans. Ray Pfahl made the motion that the Post submit a letter to the VA recommending the naming opportunity. Bernie Kosar offered the second and the motion passed unanimously. First vice Coleman will prepare the letter for the Commander's signature.
 - b. First Vice: Shared experience at giving an address to the ALA District 09 meeting hosted by the Post 177 ALA in October. Well attended and well received.
 - c. Adjutant: Excused Absence

- d. Finance: Dominic went over the disbursements and deposits. Of note is that the “healthy” balance of \$16K is tempered by the fact that over \$15K is reserved for the flag project and Boys State/Girls State. Our “real” available funds are about \$600.
- e. Chaplin: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- 9. Motion to accept minutes for February minutes. Bill Gibson so moved. Ray Pfahl the Second and passed unanimously.

New Business

- 10. Current Membership is at 87 of which 66 are paid up.
- 11. Flag and Bridge Project:
 - a. Delivery of pole delayed until mid to late November. This likely delays installation until Spring 2020. We need to find a suitable place to store the pole over the Winter. Commander Kubitzka will investigate using a building at the fairgrounds (per Bill Gibson suggestion).
 - b. Frank Micchia asked that we take the time during the delay to rethink location. Frank believes we should move to the far north end of the Green where it will not be obscured by trees. Members agreed we should investigate. If we agree to proceed, there will need to be a revision to the plan previously approved by the Parks Department and the City Council. Underground utilities (storm drain) might be an issue. City Road supervisor can investigate.
 - c. First Vice Coleman noted that the two (2) 12' X 18' flags have been delivered, as has the light to illuminate the pole.
- 12. Veterans Day plans were discussed, including visits to nursing homes and local schools.
- 13. The December meeting will be held at Davidson's Restaurant for breakfast on Saturday, 12/7/19 beginning at 9:00AM. Commander needs to give a headcount to Frank Davidson by 12/2/19. Guests are invited.
- 14. On Wednesday, 11/13/19 at St Michaels Church beginning at 6:00PM our Boys State and Girls State participants will be providing a report back to AL and ALA members. Please attend if you can.
- 15. Our Post SAL is in danger of losing its charter due to insufficient membership. Commander Kubitzka asked all members to encourage eligible family members to consider applying for membership.

16. Commander Kubitza reviewed our last year's year end donations to various organizations. Last year donations totaled \$675. Considering our current financial position he offered reductions to a new total of \$350. Chaplain Duffett noted that several of the organizations that we donated to last year have significant fund raising capabilities and are less in need of our money. First Vice suggested we table discussions on donations until our December meeting at which time our financial position may have changed.
17. Canfield High School will be administering Legion Americanism exams to approximately 150 students next week. Soon thereafter, we (and the ALA) will need to meet to score the exams. Commander will let us know a date when that will occur.

For the Good of the Order

18. Memorial to a departed member: None.
19. For the good of the Legion: Nothing.
20. Chaplin: Final Prayer by Chaplain Duffett
21. Recover POW Flag: Bill Gibson
22. Next Meeting: Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Davidson's restaurant in Cornersburg beginning at 9:00AM. Next UVC meeting 11/18/19 beginning at 7:00PM at St Stanislaus Church in Youngstown. Next Mahoning County Legion Council meeting 11/18/19 at 7:00PM at Lowellville City Hall.
23. Adjourn at 2030 hrs.

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Chuck Coleman

First Vice