



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: 04 May 2017

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 03 May 2017 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. 12 total present including 3 Officers.
3. The Chaplain offered the Invocation.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. The Preamble to the American Legion was recited by the members present.
6. Recognition of Frank Cavanaugh Past Commander.
7. Introduction of guests, Bill Klein, Director of the Austintown Fitch High School
8. **Committee reports and correspondences:**
 - a. Commander:
 - i. Operation Buckeye Benefits Seminar, Chagrin Falls, OH Township Hall, May 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM.
 - ii. Invitation to the 4th of July Parade received. Commander will complete the application form.
 - b. First Vice:
 - i. No response from Cdr, 910th Airlift, USAFR to our invitation to be guest speaker at Memorial Day Services. Need to go to Plan B. Alternates include COL (Ret) Joe Bimler, former CofS Ohio Army National Guard; or our Chaplain, Dick Duffet. Chaplain will check his schedule and get back to Commander soonest.
 - ii. First Vice and Commander attended training session at Lake Milton Legion Post on the benefits of using social media (Facebook, etc) to promote Post activities.
 - iii. Scholarship committee (First Vice, Chaplain and Wayne Recknor) developed preliminary criteria for a \$500 Post Scholarship. Lively discussion among post members present at this meeting. Decision to delay award until 2017-2018 academic year in order to more fully develop criteria and advertise appropriately.
 - c. Adjutant: Excused absence.
 - d. Finance: Balance of \$4,709.28. The Commander reported the disbursements and deposits.

- e. Chaplain: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

9. Motion to accept minutes for April 2017 meeting by Dominic Diloreto. Mayor Kosar offered the second. Passed unanimously.

New Business

10. Post will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Canfield East Cemetery beginning at 5:00 PM on May 23, 2017. Boy Scouts have been asked to assist.
11. Commander suggested a ceremony where Post would raise flags at City and Township offices on Flag Day, June 14, 2017.
12. The Cleveland VA will conduct an informational meeting at Teamsters 377 Hall in Youngstown on May 11, 2017 beginning at 11:00 AM.
13. The Commander briefly reviewed the planning and schedule for the Memorial Day services. Maximum Post participation is encouraged.
14. Dominic Diloreto and Bill Gibson will pick up cemetery flags from the county on 30 Apr 17.
15. The floor was open to additional nominations for Post officers. At the last meeting, nominations were accepted to retain current Post Commander and First Vice, and Dominic Diloreto to replace Wayne Recknor, who is stepping down, as Finance Officer. No further nominations were made. First Vice moved to retain Commander Kubitza, First Vice Coleman, and add Diloreto as Finance Officer. Mayor Kosar offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.
16. Commander asked First Vice to resurrect Post Constitution and By Laws for review at the June meeting.

For the Good of the American Legion

17. Chaplain offered a final prayer.
18. The POW flag was recovered by Bill Gibson
19. The next meeting will be held June 6, 2017 in the Township Hall.
20. The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hrs.



Charles M. Coleman
First Vice Commander