



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: 04 December 2017

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 02 December 2017 Post Christmas Breakfast Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 0900 hours at Davidson's Restaurant, Cornersburg.
2. 38 total present, including 5 Officers, 19 members and 12 spouses/guests.
3. The Chaplain gave the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the POW Flag placed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
4. The Preamble to the American Legion was recited by the members present.
5. Recognition of Frank Cavanaugh, Past Commander.
6. **Committee reports and correspondences:**
 - a. Commander: Summarized all Veterans Day activities in which members participated. He also reported that we will once again this coming year be under a tight time constraint to secure qualified applicants for Buckeye Boys and Girls State. We have funds from Till Open that will be sufficient to sponsor 12 or 13 students.
 - b. First Vice: Nothing to report
 - c. Adjutant: Absent
 - d. Finance: Report deferred until January meeting.
 - e. Chaplin: Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

7. First Vice noted that the November meeting was the flag burning at Canfield East Cemetery (over 1,500 flags retired) and as such, there are no formal minutes for which approval is required.

New Business

8. First Vice reported that the following entities are considered for contributions from The Post in the amounts noted:
 - a. VA Food Bank: \$ 150.00
 - b. VA Homeless Bus Pass: \$ 75.00
 - c. Gifts for Yanks: \$ 100.00
 - d. Special Olympics: \$ 50.00
 - e. Austintown Fitch Concert Choir: \$ 100.00
 - f. Zion Lutheran Vets Food Bank: \$ 150.00

TOTAL: \$ 625.00

9. First Vice offered to entertain a motion to approve contributions as reflected above. Ray Serkavich made the motion; Frank Cavanaugh offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.
10. Commander noted that we had a special Certificate of Merit prepared for presentation to Frank Davidson; however, Frank had to leave the restaurant and the Commander will get the certificate to him at a later date.
11. First Vice took several minutes to conduct a brief AAR of The Post in Calendar Year 2017. Results below.
 - a. What we did well: Memorial Day activities; Veterans Day activities (especially at schools).
 - b. What we didn't do very well: membership did not grow (stayed stagnant); no effective public recognition of Post activities (owing to a lack of a dedicated Public Affairs person/persons).
 - c. What should we do better next year (2108): More interaction with schools on an ongoing basis rather than just on holidays; increase Post membership; get a dedicated public affairs person in the Post.
12. **For the Good of the Legion** - Nothing
13. Chaplain: Final Prayer
14. Recover POW Flag: Bill Gibson
15. Next Meeting: January 2, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Canfield Town Hall.
16. Adjourn at 11:00AM



Chuck Coleman
Dirst Vice Commander