



AMERICAN LEGION POST 177
POST OFFICE BOX 53
CANFIELD, OH 44406

DATE: August 06, 2019

SUBJECT: Minutes of the August 06, 2019 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.
2. Total present: 5 Officers 10 Members 4 Guests: Darryl Canfield, Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Officer Todd McCormick, Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, Commander Terry Johnson, American Legion Mahoning County Commander, Eagle Scout Candidate Justin McLemore
3. Chaplin Duffet read a prayer
4. Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Gibson placed POW/MIA flag
5. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
6. Preamble to the American Legion was recited by members present

Committee Reports and Correspondence:

- a. Commander: 9 Boys went to Buckeye Boys State - several thank-you letters were acknowledged.
A thank-you for \$400 check to the Honor Flight program was read.
President Trump signed LEGION act which changes eligibility to open membership up to all who served active duty during WWI (April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918), and all others serving from Dec 7, 1941 to a time later to be determined.
 - b. First Vice: We are invited to participate in YSU Veteran and ROTC alumni weekend in September. We can choose to sponsor a hole at the golf tournament for \$150. This is tabled.
 - c. Adjutant: None. Matt Lewis is no longer able to serve as adjutant so Cmdr. Kubitza has appointed Susan M. Sansenbaugher as new adjutant
 - d. Chaplin: Nothing
 - e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLoreto went over disbursements and deposits and reported current balance of \$6998.32
7. Motion to approve minutes from June and July made and passed.
8. Guest Darryl Canfield and Officer Todd McCormick of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxilliary were recognized. Mr. Canfield spoke about the history of the American Legion and the Ohio SHP. For many years it was considered mandatory that in order to join the Auxilliary candidates had to be Legion members. This changed in the 1990s. In 1992

the Auxilliary program left the control of the Legion and went to the Highway Patrol. New program started in 2002. Class in Aug 2017 had 23 members. Age limit 21-57 to join, must retire at 65. Now we have 93, but must get it up to 150. Having problems recruiting at this time. Officer McCormick says it is a great way to get a foot in the door to becoming a patrolman or entering law enforcement in general. He also described training. Mr. Canfield Left some material for distribution.

9. Eagle Scout candidate Justin McLemore's project 2019 has been completed in Washingtonville Cemetery. Sept 7 there will be a dedication ceremony to mark completion of the cemetery. He has requested a Color Guard which the post will provide. There has been approximately \$3,000 in donations, with about \$200 left.

10. Swearing in of officers was performed by Mahoning County Cmdr Terry Johnson

Unfinished Business:

11. Recap July 4th ceremony. Suggestions: more bands. We had about 12-14 members attend.

12. Till Open was sold out - \$79,000 gross. Next step will be the allocation of the funds.

13. Bridge and Flag pole update - Legislation through Representative Rulli to name 3 of the bridges. First Responder's Bridge, Lew Speece Bridge, and Armed Forces Bridge. 224/Turnpike bridge will be named the POW/MIA Bridge eventually. Each bridge will have 2 signs, cost will be \$200 each, \$400 per bridge.

14. Flag pole will be 60ft high, cost \$6132 for the pole, \$250 each for 12x18 flags. To be located near courthouse at end of the Green.

Excavating will be free, we'll need concrete as well. We have just under \$5500 in donations.

New Business:

15. Canfield Fair - names submitted and we are awaiting tickets. Need help with setup on Aug 26 and then tear down in Sept after Labor Day. Cmdr Johnson spoke of the need to use Gates 8/9 and to wear Legion hat, work all hours volunteered.

Memorial to Departed Member:

For the Good of the Legion:

16. Short discussion of the new VA clinic which will be built a few blocks from the current one on Belmont. It was chosen because Trumbull county abandoned their clinic and the demographics made it better to be placed in the center of the county.

17. Frank Cavanaugh is doing better health wise.

18. Vet parking signs are up at Farmers National Bank, at Family Center at a local Catholic Church, Charlies will put their sign up later. Stone Fruit Coffee was mentioned. Poland Medical Center has two parking signs up now. New McDonalds put their sign up
19. Dominick mentioned that applications for the Honor Flight are available.

Chaplain Duffett: Final prayer
Recover POW/MIA flag: Sgt-At-Arms Gibson
Next Meeting: September 3 at 7pm
Meeting adjourned at 2020

The following officers were sworn in for the 2019-2020 year.

Commander:	Michael J. Kubitza
1st Vice Commander:	Charles M. Coleman
Post Adjutant:	Susan M. Sansenbaugher
Post Finance Officer:	Dominic DiLeroto
Post Chaplain:	Richard A. Duffett
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Gibson



Susan M. Sansenbaugher
Adjutant