



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

DATE: February 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Post Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm. Meeting was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church Hall to meet state distancing requirements for Covid19.
2. Total present: Officers: 6 Members: 2 Guests: 0
3. Hand Salute to the colors was rendered
4. Chaplain Richard Duffett opened the meeting with a prayer.
5. Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Gibson placed the POW/MIA flag
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Preamble to the American Legion was recited by members present

Recognize Past Commanders: N/A

8. Introduction of guest and/or new members: N/A

#### **Committee Reports and Correspondence:**

- a. Commander: None
- b. First Vice: Submitted application for the flyover during Memorial Day
- c. Adjutant: Last meeting the idea was introduced to combine Boys and Girls State. After researching the issue, it was found that 6 of 7 states holding "combined" meetings held them during the same week at the same place, but did not otherwise combine the two (except with possible convocations). Massachusetts combined Boys and Girls state for some classroom work, to better utilize experts in law and economics who had been available to Boys but not Girls State. Otherwise the two were separate. Idea of a resolution combining the two in Ohio is thus withdrawn from consideration, pending more interest from parents/teens and/or posts.
- d. Chaplin: A supposed photo from Canfield high school year book from 1977 yearbook showing seniors in KKK outfits was posted to an alumni social media website, causing a number of complaints, phone calls, etc. The school superintendent plans to address this. Canfield has been accused of a racist, and a discussion ensued concerning this issue.
- e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLorento went over January disbursements and deposits

Balance as of January 31, 2021: \$13,795.98

Disbursements:

1/21	359	50.00	Gift for Yanks (outstanding for Dec)
1/28	361	90.32	Reimbursement to Chuck Coleman for Flagpole Winch

Total \$ 90.32

Deposits:

\$ 0.00 (None)

Balance: \$13,655.66

**Unfinished Business:**

9. First Vice: Motion to accept minutes for January 5, 2021. Motion seconded and approved.

**New Business:**

10.

- a. First Vice Cdmr Coleman flagpole update. A couple of drafting and arts teachers at high school would like to take on the project of designing a landscape feature for the flagpole, under our guidance. We want to set up some annuals and perennials, among other ideas. Question was raised why flag was put where it is, but this was considered the best use of the area. Too many utilities, lines, road salt, etc. precluded placing the flag closer to the intersection of SR 224/46
- b. Buckeye Boys State. Mike Kerensky, our high school contact, had COVID19 resulting in a delay. Students are to have questionnaires returned by Wed, February 3. Cmdr had one student reply. Interviews scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 9, and Wed, Feb 10, 3-6 pm. Girls State have had no applications to date.
- c. Who can help with Buckeye Boys State interviews: (This will depend upon number of replies.). As we have had only one reply to date, the need for multiple members to be available for interviews will be reviewed as needed.

- d. Buddy check. It's been awhile since we have done this. Will split up call sheets after meeting.

**Memorial to Departed Members:** N/A

**For the Good of the Legion:** Dominic had spoken to Frank Cavanaugh (past commander) and he seems in good spirits.

Chaplain : Closed meeting with final prayer

Recover POW/MIA flag: Bill Gibson

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 PM at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Special Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 3:00 PM BBS interviews (if needed)

Special Meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 3:00 PM BBS interviews (if needed)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

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Susan M. Sansenbaugher, Adjutant