



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

DATE: January 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Minutes of the January 5, 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: 4 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: Received a letter from YSU thanking us for donation of \$50 to ROTC program, and \$50 to YSU Veteran's Resource Center. Member Bernie Kosar called to say he was under the weather but thinking of us.
- b. First Vice: National Honor Society candidates asked for volunteer work. Proposed an electronic directory of the members of the post with photo. We received a letter from mother that said they would not have time for this project.
- c. Adjutant: No report
- d. Chaplin: Mrs. Baker (NHS students mother) contacted chaplain as well about her sons time limitations as she had contacted him originally for volunteer work.
- e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLorento went over October disbursements and deposits

Balance as of December 31, 2020: \$15,990.98

Disbursements:

12/15	358	25.00	United Veterans Council Dues
12/23	359	50.00	Gifts for Yanks
12/23	360	2,200.00	Santon Electric (Flagpole)

Total \$2,275.50

Deposits:

12/07	30.00	Membership Reimbursement from Nat'l
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Total \$30.00

Balance: \$13,745.98

Unfinished Business:

9. First Vice: Motion to accept minutes for November 3, 2020. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business:

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a. First Vice Cdmr Coleman flagpole update. Santon electric came in a little under quote. Entrenched, installed duplex outlet, and flag light. Landscaping request to Arts Dept at current technical center and Arts and Crafts at Canfield High school. May be assigned for grade to students at the Canfield High School. We are aiming at having a gathering place on the North Green around the flag, along with an appropriate place for some plaques.

We decided to leave flag up after testing winch as we do not know when we will have a chance to have a formal dedication.

Discussion on trying to obtain CARES money for COVID relief from federal government. Also asked about flying an American Legion Flag under the American flag on the new pole.

Everyone who contributed to the work will receive a certificate of appreciation from our post.

b. Buckeye Boys State. 2019 we sent a number of students, but program was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid. Those students are eligible to go in 2021.

Students for 2021 need to have questionnaires returned by Wed, Jan 13. We will schedule a virtual webinar meeting for Tuesday, Jan 19 and Wed, Jan 20 @ 5:00 PM.

We can comfortably nominate and pay for 7-8 boys with money we have.

c. Ellsworth VFW/Western Reserve Buckeye Boys/Girls State. VFW may sponsor someone from Ellsworth as some Canfield students attend.

d. Who can help with Buckeye Boys State interviews:

Kubitza x

Coleman x

Sansenbaugher x

Duffett x for 19th

DeLoreto x

Kosar (?)

VA outbuilding on Belmont is opening on 20th.

Memorial to Departed Members: N/A

For the Good of the Legion: Covid task force formed in each city at the request of the Governor. Three committees, Education, Communication, and Recognition committee. Leadership committee are leaders of other committees. Picked one project to create a public service announcement with personal experiences for televised PSAs.

A discussion concerning possibly submitting a resolution to Department to combine Buckeye Boys/Girls state began on Adjutant's request for input to the idea. Currently 7 states combine the program into one week at one location. Adjutant will attempt to contact those states for input into why/how they did this before writing a resolution. Some members were adamantly against, while others were open to the idea.

Chaplain : Closed meeting with final prayer

Recover POW/MIA flag: Bill Gibson

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM.

Special Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 19, 5:00 PM BBS interviews

Special Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 20, 5:00 PM BBS interviews

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

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Susan M. Sansenbaugher, Adjutant