



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

DATE: November 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Minutes of the November 3, 2020 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. Masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes were provided to attendees.
2. Total present: Officers: 6 Members: 6 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 Commander: Frank Cavanaugh:

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

Committee Reports and Correspondence:

- a. Commander: Received a letter from YSU for annual fund drive for veterans center. We gave \$100 last time. Propose \$50 for ROTC and \$50 for Veterans Center
- b. First Vice: Kim Baker directed her two sons to First Vice for volunteer service for National Honor Service.
- c. Adjutant: No report
- d. Chaplin: See New Business, 10 b below.
- e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLorento went over October disbursements and deposits

Balance as of Sept 30, 2020: \$16,080.34

(Note: Checks 350 and 351 were reported in October, but they had not cleared the bank. They have now cleared the bank. Balance below reflects EOM balance in September minus ONLY check 353. This is correct)

Disbursements:

10/5	350	82.50	Dept of Ohio Membership
10/5	351	1,200.00	Buckeye Boys State
10/12	353	53.00	USPS PO Box Rental

Total \$1,335.50

Deposits:

\$0.00

Total \$0.00

Balance: \$16,027.34 (checks 350 and 351 were accounted for in October minutes balance)

Unfinished Business:

9. First Vice: Motion to accept minutes for October 6, 2020. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business:

10.

a. First Vice Cdmr Coleman flagpole update. Foundation dug and concrete poured about a month ago. Concrete has cured, and assembly is scheduled for this Thursday, November 5. Might be able to get pole lifted into place next week.

b. Chaplain Duffett and Bernie Kosar Sr. reported back from meeting with Superintendent Knoll. This last Friday met with superintendent, and also there was County Educational Center, MCCTC. Superintendent wants to start putting up banners of veterans, and working with gold star families. Wants to involve Buckeye Boys/Girls State, Oratorical contest participants, flag pole project. The chaplain needs to create a list for the superintendent as he is very interested in working with veterans and the

American Legion. Students are tested out for Legion gov't tests.

- c. Discuss about calling members for Buddy checks. First Vice had about 8 guys, no problems. Other reports included a stroke victim who is doing fine, some had no phone numbers. Some did not return calls. One heart surgery patient who is doing fine. Chaplain received good feedback as well. People were appreciative for the calls.
- d. Dominic updated members about Veterans Day Activities. Veteran pins, packets, Canfield school students made cards for the vets. COVID19 preventing personal visits. Both American Legion and VFW sponsor these gifts. Will get business cards and pencils from local county veterans association for the packets as well.
- e. First Vice Commander Coleman updated Veterans Day activities with schools. Last meeting we mentioned if schools would be live or virtual and if we would be allowed. We considered doing a virtual presentation. We could have members giving a few minutes presentation of what we did. DAV has preprepared videos, as does American Legion (national). First Vice is afraid a video presentation of members would be too choppy and not as professional as he would like. We could put out links for them to view the professional videos from the National organizations.
- f. Buckeye Boys State 2021. Cmdr Kubitza contacted Christie White who handles the BBS program. She says that probably June 13 will be BBS for 2021, and currently is looking to be a go.

Memorial to Departed Members: N/A

For the Good of the Legion:

Chaplain : Closed meeting with final prayer

Recover POW/MIA flag:

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Location To Be Announced

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

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Susan M. Sansenbaugher, Adjutant