



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

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Minutes of the October 6, 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: 9 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: Completed an 888 Member Post Selection Sheet for Dept.
Some members don't want to belong to a post. Dept will send a letter out telling 888 members which posts are nearby and describe post activities. Unassigned members may be assigned to a local post. Cmdr believes assignment will be mandatory, Vice Cmdr believes it will not be involuntary.

Received a call from Mahoning Cty Cmd Terry Johnson about Veterans Lunch to be held tomorrow (Wed, Oct 6).

Americanism Order Forms Discussion. Cmdr received information about the annual testing, forms had order form but no test. Cmdr has not polled local schools yet. Discussion ensued about whether we want to participate this year. Superintendent, Principals, and School Board were suggested as points of contact to teach more about Americanism in the Canfield Schools. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Decision to delay test this year, and try to reach out to schools for curriculum modifications.

Received two BBS (Buckeye Boys State) pamphlets with no cover letter. Cmdr will have to contact Dept to see if there are any

proposed changes from last year. Information usually sent out in December. Four boys from last year plan on attending.
National Cmdr Oxford 100 miles for hope (legion.org/100miles)
Gifts for Yanks is being worked on at District. We will donate \$50. Vote passed.

- b. First Vice: No report
- c. Adjutant: No report
- d. Chaplin: No report
- e. Finance: Finance Officer Dominic DiLorento went over August disbursements and deposits

Balance as of Sept 30, 2020: \$16,349.84

Disbursements:

9/10	349	55.00	Postage
9/21	350	82.50	Dept of Ohio Membership
9/21	351	1,200.00	Buckeye Boys State
(Checks 350 and 351 have not cleared bank yet.)			
Total		\$1,337.50	

Deposits:

9/4	900.00	City of Canfield, Memorial Day
9/12	35.00	Membership
9/16	133.00	Canfield Twp., Memorial Day
Total	\$1,068.00	
Balance:	\$16,080.34	

Unfinished Business:

9. First Vice: Motion to accept minutes for September 1, 2020. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business:

10.

- a. First Vice Cdmr Coleman flagpole update. The foundation is complete. Photos and videos have been posted to our website. We are currently 2 weeks into the 28 day cure. Period. Assembly and crane usage are being donated. First Vice Cdmr will be in contact with crew chiefs to walk them through, give them the assembly instructions. Electrical company will be contacted for hookup, probably after pole has been erected. The Chaplain (who is also the Mayor) gave a report on the city attorney's interpretation of the governor's orders due to Covid19, and the city cannot sponsor at this time. A vet will be at the flag pole on Saturday and Sunday, but these are separate groups from the Legion. The benefit in delay is allowing more community participation, and allow for Congressman Johnson to attend. Landscaping is another item which could be worked on before the dedication. Cmdr mentioned a possible "flag raising" ceremony in the meantime on Veteran's Day.
- b. We discussed calling members at the last meeting. This would be part of the National Buddy check which is held in conjunction with Veteran's Day.
- c. Dominic - Veterans Day Activities plans: Probably will just end up dropping off packets as COVID19 protocols would make visits nearly impossible. VFW has ordered 100 veteran pins to give out.
- d. Vice Cdmr Coleman - We could make a short video and submit to the schools to show to the class.
- e. SAL membership fees increase from 7 to 12, but SAL would like to bump that up to \$15 to anticipate future increases.
- f. Election of Officers. Moved to accept current slate of officers and officially accepted by in person vote.

Memorial to Departed Members:

For the Good of the Legion:

Veterans resource center on campus (YSU) was recommended by Bernie Konsar. They have scholarship money, aid money. Talk to Rick Williams.

Terry Johnson called prior to meeting and asked if anyone would want to help take care of the log cabin on Canfield Fair Grounds as it is used by veterans.

Mahoning County Council will meet next Wednesday in Austintown at 7 PM

Chaplain : Final prayer said.

Recover POW/MIA flag:

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at
7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

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Susan M. Sansenbaugher, Adjutant