

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of
Berryhill Post #165, The American Legion, Department of Michigan

3/29/2009

An Executive Committee Meeting called by Commander Chuck Kaminski was opened at 1900 hours on 3/29/2009 by Commander Kaminski specifically to address the question of bingo attendance & volunteer involvement.

Attending: Brian Cashin, Nels Cronkright, Pat Hanley, Tom Nemeth, Chuck Kaminski & Oren Mieske. Dave Kanary out of state, Steve Hammond other commitment. Also attending Steve Tracy.

1. Vicky Bonnell (Friedles Accounting) addressed the committee concerning our 990 reporting to the IRS. Many good practices are in place. Coordination of format for improved monthly reporting by all activities, funds, functions & committees should be the objective of Berryhill for the future. Bonnell will be working with Finance Officer Tom Nemeth in this effort.
2. Audit committee will be meeting to prepare for report at May regular Legion meeting. Committee consists of the immediate Past Commander, Finance Officer, Chairperson of the Building Corporation, Club Operating Committee Chairperson and the S.A.L. Commander or his designate and the Auxiliary President or her designate. As immediate Past Commander, Chuck Kaminski will be getting this group together this month with the goal of presenting audit results no later than the May regular Legion meeting. Those groups needing to report data should not wait to be asked for their reports but should forward them to Finance Officer Tom Nemeth as soon as possible.
3. Discarded, damaged American flags found in the community by several citizens have been reported to the Executive committee via Dean Titus SAL member. Discussion surrounded publicizing our Flag Day ceremony (Sunday June 14, 2009 – 6 p.m.) to the community in a proactive manner this year. Past Commander Steve Tracy was asked to contact Legionnaire Bill Sofoulis to coordinate this effort to promote proper respect for “Old Glory”. Sofoulis has accepted & will work with Tracy prior to the ceremony.
4. After discussion concerning 2009 Student Trooper & Boy’s State it was moved to table any motions of Berryhill’s involvement to February 2010.
5. Eighteen year old Adam Douglas Evans, son of Legionnaire John Evans achieved rank of Eagle Scout on February 10, 2009. Adam was involved in the past with trips to the Veteran’s Hospital in Saginaw to do bingos for the hospitalized veterans. It was moved by Nels Cronkright & seconded by Oren Mieske that Berryhill recognize Adam at his court of honor on Sunday May 17 with a good citizenship award. Passed unanimous.
6. Steve Tracy brought a proposal to remedy Legionnaire lack of involvement & commitment to weekly bingo. Tracy’s proposal which evolved after discussion into a motion is as follows: Legion & Auxiliary to split the staffing of bingo (2 weeks each month for each organization – profits to go to the staffing entity – banking & chair of bingo to be equally split with Legion handling the quarterly & yearly reports) with Auxiliary committing to monthly rent payments. Motion was tabled until it could be presented to the Auxiliary Executive committee.
7. Consolidated Post report is due prior to June 5. Adjutant Hanley was advised to send copies to each Executive committee member to capture appropriate information. Hanley raised the need to have annual report to Building Corporation available for the May Annual meeting.
8. The April 1st regular meeting will be the meeting for nominations of officers for 2009-2010. Additional nominations & elections will be held at the May 6th regular meeting. Adjutant Hanley was requested to have a list of offices needing to be filled during nominations & elections in April & May available at the April 1 meeting.
9. List of Legionnaires & their branches of service was emailed to Legionnaire Bill Sofoulis. At the February 7, 2009 Executive committee meeting Sofoulis & Deb Rogers made a presentation of how to raise involvement & funding for the Post. Sofoulis will be using this “Branch Of Service” listing to contact Legionnaires of the varying branches for activities in the upcoming year.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours by Commander Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Hanley, Post Adjutant