

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

Berryhill Post #165, The American Legion, Department of Michigan

10/01/2008

The regular meeting for the month of October was opened at 1930 hours on October 1, 2008 according to ritual by Commander Kaminski

Post Everlasting Ceremony: None

Guests present: Roger Rockhold, Zone 4 Commander of The Sons Of The American Legion.

Minutes of the previous meeting held September 3, 2008 were read, moved to accept by Steve Hammond. Second Willie Coomer and approved unanimous.

New or prospective members present: Gail H Koch, American Legion Post 18 of Bay City Michigan.

Committee Reports:

1. Bar Report: Brian Cashin reports the July & August Club Operating Committee reports given to Commander Kaminski, copies to be given to Adjutant. September report not yet available. Completed Club Operating Committee finances available at post, will be attached to hard copy of these minutes.
2. Baseball Report: Nels Cronkright presented a check for \$100 to general fund. Cronkright attended the fall baseball meeting and reports the meeting successful.
3. Bingo Report: Steve Tracy presented a check for \$1,000 to general fund.
4. Building Corporation Report: Chuck Kaminski reports re-imbusement of purchase cost of new internal hall lighting, check to Dick Blasy. Payment to Brubaker Plumbing and Heating for repairs. \$350 in Building Corporation. Further Bob Bauder of the Building Corporation has received four (4) bids to repair the external parking lot lighting.
5. Charity Games Report: Ed Holder reports \$1000 to the general fund, \$0 to the building corporation.
6. Finance Committee Report: None
7. Membership Report: Pat Hanley reports that current membership is at 455 paid 2009 members which equates to 63% of the 718 member goal established by Legion Department of Michigan. Goal for Department of Michigan is 55% by October 6, 2008. Checks & cash to Finance Officer Tom Nemeth.
8. General Fund Report: Finance Officer Tom Nemeth reports that nothing out of the ordinary is in the budget for September. Full report available at the post & will be attached to hard copy of these minutes.
9. Kitchen Report: Brian Cashin reports that there were a couple of dinners in September. \$0 to general fund, \$0 to building corporation. Garbage disposal replacement payment made. Fall Harvest Buffet will be from 4 pm to 8 pm this Saturday night October 11.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment: None

Post Service Officer Report: Ross Ahlich reports that Steve Cronkright gave presentation at the National Conference in September.

Unfinished Business: None.

Applications for Membership: Army veteran Gail H Koch (Grenada/Lebanon) of Midland is applying to transfer to Berryhill Post 165 from Post 18 in Bay City, Michigan. Gail is a paid member in good standing and is also applying to transfer her Auxiliary membership to Berryhill. Moved to accept by Steve Hammond & seconded by Ross Ahlich and approved unanimous.

New Business (& Correspondence):

1. Pat Hanley to read Healthway Chiropractic Clinic letter from Berryhill WWII Legion member John M Ostergren D.C & posted on bulletin board.
2. Ross Ahlich reports improvements to front entrance by Neil & Judy Schultz as well as Steve Tracy.

3. Chuck Kaminski read a letter from Congressman Dave Camp concerning passage of House bill S2617 concerning cost of living increase to all retired veterans effective December 1, 2008.
4. Harvey Ropp called a meeting of the 40 & 8 immediately after this meeting.

For the Good of the Legion:

1. Last month question arose concerning packages to troops. Commander requested Adjutant to get with Dalton Walden to summarize "packages to troops at Berryhill". Pat Hanley read "No parent should have to pay postage" from October 2008 Newsletter. Newsletter is available online at post165.com and being filed with minutes of post meetings.
2. Brian and Molly McFadden, owners of "Molly's" restaurant downtown Midland are the coordinators of the first annual "Midland Marine Corps Ball" which will be held November 8, 2008 at 7 pm at the Doan History Center, 3417 West Main Street, Midland, Michigan. This event is to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan. More details are available as the invitation will be posted on the bar bulletin board for the month of October & November by Pat Hanley. There were no objections.
3. Question of advertising in the Berryhill email newsletter. Letter from Dean Titus, SAL member and post165.com webmaster read by Pat Hanley. Discussion ensued concerning hard copy delivery of email newsletter. Steve Hammond moved to have Hanley look at & report back in 60 days. Hanley amended and seconded that he would not look alone, but needed help. Nels Cronkright, Ross Ahlich and Gail Koch said they would help look into communication format for the post. Passed unanimous.
4. Willie Coomer reported a check to general fund from 40 & 8 for lighting repair (building corporation to coordinate) and smoke eaters (bingo to coordinate).
5. Steve Tracy reports that the RE/MAX annual balloon festival was rained out all weekend so no balloons were launched but RE/MAX still had a dinner for the 1460th families and raised funds via display of the refurbished hummer from Iraq with all proceeds going to assist wounded Armed Forces military heroes and their families through Fisher House. Tracy reports post volunteer assistance in the effort from 1 pm to 10 pm on Saturday September 13 at the fairgrounds.
6. Pat Hanley praised Nels Cronkright concerning his recent admonition to the Executive Committee that Legionnaires as a group have dropped the ball in working, specifically taking the lead, on things like dinners sponsored by the post. Discussion ensued. Steve Hammond moved that the Legion sponsor dinners in January, April & June of 2009 and that more than just one Legionnaire be added to the kitchen committee. Nels Cronkright second. Passed unanimous.
7. Willie Coomer reported that the Fall Conference held at the Valley Plaza had many schools for new officers as well as instructional presentations on alcohol and charity games. Coomer praised the conference as better than he had seen.
8. 50/50 raffle held - \$35 to Poppy fund.
9. Brian Cashin presented \$15 to general fund from SAL dues. Cashin reports SAL cards dues are just starting to come in as dues reminders have just recently been mailed. Cashin further reminded that the upcoming SAL ANNUAL RAFFLE drawing will be at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, at the Halloween Party in the Bar.
10. Steve Hammond reminded members that a sign up list is up on bulletin board for Kids Halloween party on Saturday, October 25 from 1 to 3 pm.
11. Near the close of this meeting, Roger Rockhold, Zone 4 Commander of The Sons Of The American Legion left, along with Berryhill SAL members that were present, for a meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours according to ritual by Commander Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Hanley, Post Adjutant