

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

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

1/7/2009_

The regular meeting for the month of January was opened at 1930 hours on 1/7/2009 according to ritual by Commander Kaminski.

Post Everlasting Ceremony: None

Guests present: None

Minutes of the previous meeting held 12/3/2008, as well as the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting held December 16, 2008 were read, moved to accept as amended by Dave Canary. Second Don McCormick. Passed unanimous.

New or prospective members present: None

Committee Reports:

1. Bar Report: Brian Cashin out of town and unable to attend. No report for November or December 2008.
2. Baseball Report: Nels Cronkright reports a Christmas party held on Saturday, December 27, 2008 to celebrate Baseball's wins and more important the long successful road that so many Legion members and non-members travelled with the team members on their 2008 season. Cronkright announced that the yearly Baseball Valentine's Party would be appropriately on Saturday, February 14, 2009, with a cost of \$30 per couple and open to the public. \$100 check to the general fund.
3. Bingo Report: Steve Tracy reports a \$1000 check to Finance officer Tom Nemeth via Ed Holder. Tracy said the past two weeks had been much better than the balance of the past 3 months. He had no explanation as to the increased attendance. Tracy reminded us that there was currently no team available for the 3rd Monday of each month, starting Monday, January 19, 2009. The reminder included the warning that if there were no volunteers, there would be no bingo.
4. Building Corporation Report: Chuck Kaminski reports \$400 from the Kitchen. Kaminski paid Blasy Electric for lights & ballast.
5. Charity Games Report: Ed Holder reports games going well. \$1000 to the general fund
6. Finance Committee Report: No report.
7. Membership Report: Pat Hanley reports that current membership is at 592 paid 2009 members which equates to 82% of the 718 member goal established by Legion Department of Michigan. Goal for Department of Michigan is 80% by January 12, 2009. Checks & cash to Finance Officer Tom Nemeth.
8. General Fund Report: In Finance Officer Tom Nemeth's absence, Ed Holder read the December 2008 report. Full report available at the post & will be attached to hard copy of these minutes.
9. Kitchen Report: Brian Cashin out of town and unable to attend. Ed Holder reported a check of \$1000 to the general fund.

Sick Call, Relief and Employment: None.

Post Service Officer Report: Service Officer Ross Ahlich expressed thanks for all the workers on administration & delivery of the Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 20, 2008. It should be mentioned that it is not always just members of Berryhill that assist and quietly work on projects like the Christmas baskets. We remember Rodney Maidens, son of Legionnaire Bob Maidens of Midland (WWII Navy) member of 45 years, who passed away during the week after assisting with the basket delivery.

Unfinished Business: None.

Applications for Membership: Army veteran Stephen Altenburg of Midland is applying for membership to Berryhill. Stephen is a past member who is becoming active again. Active duty Army & Air Force veteran Jennifer Summers of Roscommon, Michigan is applying for membership to Berryhill, her military identification is in order. Army veteran Ryan Ratcliff is applying for membership to Berryhill, his DD-214 is in order. Moved to accept by Willie Coomer & seconded by Dave Kanary and approved unanimous.

New Business (& Correspondence):

1. Chuck Kaminski read a letter from Collins & Associates Accounting & Tax Services of Lambertville, Michigan, southwest of Monroe, north of Toledo. Collins & Associates offers any active military reserve National Guard & spouses their taxes done free. Also all veterans receive \$60 off 2008 tax preparations. Letter to bulletin board.
2. Letter thanks from Mrs. Al Zimmerman, a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean war who passed recently to his fellow Berryhill Legionnaires. Specifically Mrs. Zimmerman appreciated the presentation of the bible and the "volley from the guns". Posted to the bulletin board.
3. Letter of thanks & card from The Family of Steven & Bud Sampier to the bulletin board.
4. Letter from a Korean veteran, thanking Berryhill for the Christmas food basket to the bulletin board.
5. A Christmas card from Blue Bay South employees (our bingo supply company) to the bulletin board.
6. A Christmas card from Gordon Food Services employees to the bulletin board.

For the Good of the Legion:

1. Wilson Coomer reports that our contract with Midland County TV will run out on March 1, 2009. Steve Tracy moved that we continue with the MCTV contract cost of \$25 that had been being carried by a stipend by Michigan Department of The American Legion. Second Nels Cronkright. Passed unanimous. Coomer will request MCTV Ron Beacom to send bill to Berryhill, attention to Finance Officer.
2. Coomer raised concern about VA Hospital Bingo schedule. Chuck Kaminski had not seen a letter from the hospital. Ross Ahlich will get phone number to Kaminski.
3. Don McCormick raised the question of whether Berryhill performs color guard services in Bay County. Steve Tracy reports that even though Bay County is very large that we have done and do services along the Bay County line. Members of this fine service are all volunteers from Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion, the VFW and DAV posts in Midland.
4. Neil Schultz raised his concern that Berryhill has old, low efficiency lighting, furnaces & air conditioning, kitchen equipment, etc. Schultz further raised concern that there was no food or any menu list available through the clubroom. Schultz also raised the question of why we don't see more social activities & parties at the post. Chuck Kaminski thanked Schultz for his good comments.
5. 50/50 raffle held - \$41 to Ross Ahlich & \$39 to Poppy fund. Ahlich donated his \$41 to the Baseball fund.
6. Adjutant Hanley read proposed amendments to Berryhill's Constitution & By-Laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 2115 hours according to ritual by Commander Kaminski.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick M. Hanley, Post Adjutant