

Minutes Of
Post No. 35 Department of Maine
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes of 21 May 2021

Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Vice Commander Splettstoesser with 5 officers and 4 members present.

Minutes of the 16 April 2021 meeting were read, approved and filed with Post Adjutant

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Marston reported that all bills were paid and the Key Bank account had a balance of \$13,317.94 of which \$7,276.58 in General Fund, \$6,041.36 in Savings. Report was made and held for audit. Income Statement will be completed and submitted to Adjutant upon receipt of May 2021 information.

Membership Chairman Splettstoesser reported that 82 of 86 members have paid their 2021 dues. Because we recruited three (3) new members we have applied to National for a "Membership Achievement Pin". Written Report was submitted to Adjutant for record keeping.

Executive Committee – No Report

Trustees Chairman Pock reported on the achievement that were accomplished this fiscal year, despite COVID – 19 restrictions, Many projects that improved the Posts physical condition were reported. Also the **Facilities Manager** Pock reported that 80% of the Posts Revenue was earned thru rentals. Written Report was submitted to Adjutant for record keeping.

Americanism Officer – No Report

Sick Call

Ed Tyler fell at his home but is recovering. **Mary Neal**, according to Ed Tyler has some knee problems but manages to keep going. **Guy Linscott** recovering from Hip Surgery. Ed and Guy were both at this meeting.

Old Business

Little League Sign – American Legion sign, made by Joe Tuffs, was hung on the outfield fence at the Girl Softball Field on Pine Street. Sign hung by Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Adjutant and Richard Matthews.

1st Floor Bathroom – Has been completely remodeled. Shower needs a finish coat of paint and the floor laid. New lighting in Bathroom has been proposed. Total cost to date \$721.28. Donations of \$600.00 has been received by Finance Officer.

The Maine Regiment – will be having a “Italian Lunch” on Saturday May 22nd. Cost is to be \$6.00 for a sandwich, chips and soda.

Past Commander Recognition

Linscott, Splettstoesser, Batchelor and Tyler were in attendance.

Correspondence

None

New Business

- A. Elections were held in accordance with Post 35 By-Laws. Each position was announced and asked three (3) times for nominations from the floor.
Commander – Guy Linscott – Elected
1st Vice Commander – Wes Splettstoesser – Elected
2nd Vice Commander – Tony Batchelor – Elected
Finance Officer – Ken Marston & Doug Kohnke nominated. Ballot were passed out and the results were. Marston 3 of 9 votes, Kohnke 6 of 9 votes. Kohnke was Elected
Adjutant – Mike Pock – Elected
Chaplain – Skip Farr – Elected
Sgt. at Arms- Ross Fehnel – Elected
Motion to accept the results of the election by Ed Tyler and Seconded by Tony Batchelor.
Motion passed.
Installation will be held as soon as possible.
- B. Adjutant brought before the membership a request to purchase a POW/MIA chair for the Post that was specialized to our Post. Price \$100.00. Moved by Ed Tyler to purchase and Seconded by Guy Linscott. Motion passed. Donations of \$100.00 was collected. Adjutant to order the chair. Funds to be given to the Finance Officer.
- C. South Portland War Veterans Memorial Association met on the 19th of May and finalized the Flagging and Wreath layong event for next weekend. Anyone interested in helping please contact the Post Adjutant.

50/50 Raffle

Raffle was held netting \$22.00. The winning number was #29 held by Wes. Wes donated the \$22.00 to the Post. Funds to be given to the Finance Officer.

Good of the Legion

A. Ken and tony placed fifty (50) small flags on our front lawn in memory of fallen comrades and the fifty (50) States of the union.

B. Commander Linscott requested the Adjutant to change the Post Sign to reflect our flagging of the cemeteries and asking for volunteers to help.

c. Upon polling of the members of the Board of Trustees Bob Hughes offered \$100.00 for a small cash register found in the storage room. Motion to sell for that price by Ed Tyler and Seconded by Mike Pock. Motion passed. Funds to be given to the Finance Officer.

Commander Closing Comments

1st Vice Commander Splettstoesser made mention of the long service from Finance Officer, Ken Marston, as well as from the previous Adjutant, Ed Tyler, who have single handedly helped to keep Post 35 “afloat” these past many years. Wes also commended Adjutant, Mike Pock, for his work as Adjutant and Facilities Manager.

Adjournment

8:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Pock – Adjutant

Board of Trustees Annual Report

5/19/2021

In accordance with Article X, Sec. VI (Annual Meeting) and Article IX, Sec. II (Annual Report from Board of Trustees) as stated in Stewart P. Morrill American Legion Post #35 Bylaws the following is a list of accomplishments in FY – 20 (5/31/2020 – 6/1/2021)

Recent Changes

In the past year we have lived thru COVID – 19 and come out the other side better than we expected. One of the major changes was a major increase in our Post Insurance Policy and Surety Bond of 93%. Increase was due to Property Value and location of the Post. To our advantage we were able to get a \$1,000.00 Grant from the American Legion at the National level to help defray the increase. With all the State regulations due to COVID-19 our revenue stream was drastically slowed up.

Post Projects

The status of improvement for FY 20 has been remarkable productive. June – Rebuilding of Cement Blocks at Ground Level Door and Painting of the entire Foundation. July & August – Complete reconstruction of Wheel Chair Ramp and redecking of Porch with new hand rail and a fresh coat of paint. November – Weather Stripping 1st floor entry door and Installation of CO Detector, as required by Ins. Company. January – Patching of stairwell ceiling to 2nd floor, 80% complete. March – Reworking of portions of Electrical wiring to install New Emergency Light in 1st floor entry and to install Security Cameras (3). April & May – Demo and reconstruction of 1st floor bathroom and shower area. 75% complete.

Facilities Manager Report

Even though we were under pretty strict State CDC mandates we were still able to rent out our spaces to several groups both for private parties and dance instruction. Additionally we are now hosting two (2) small Church Congregation on Sunday. 80% of our income is received thru rents and donations. Our major projects, Ramp and Bathroom were completely funded thru donations.

Community Food Events

Our only food event was held on Labor Day weekend where we held a very well attended Lobster Roll Lunch within the confines of COVID -19 regulations. We served 121 people and made a remarkable profit. This event will become a Post 35 event in years to come.

Michael R. Pock – Board of Trustee Chairman.

Membership Committee Report

5/21/2021

In accordance with American Legion National Headquarter there has been an exerted effort to maintain and increase membership in the American Legion. National, Department and District have established goals to reach for, as far as membership is concerned. Our Post presently has 86 members in its rolls. National has set a target of 103% of the previous year's membership as a goal for our Post. Stewart P. Morrill Post #35 had a "Goal to Grow" figure of 79.

We had 79 members last year at this time. We lost one (1) member due to transfer and one (1) to Post everlasting. We have transferred in five (5) and recruited four (4) new member bringing our total to eighty six (86). In February we applied for a "Membership Incentive Pin" for having recruited three new members.

Membership is more than just numbers. It is about keeping the American Spirit alive and passing it on to our younger Veterans and taught to our children.

Wes Splettstoesser – Membership Committee Chairman