

MINUTES OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETING - 12 MARCH 2013

Meeting was called to order at 1905 hours by the Commander, 15 members present.

Pledge of Allegiance, prayer and preamble. Undraped Charter.

Roll call - Chaplain and Adjutant were excused. Bob Grether served as Chaplain and Jim Wartens as Adjutant.

Veteran's Post Trustee Report - An HP printer/copier was purchased by the CVP for \$200.00, for use in the office. It should be very useful in printing programs and flyers for bingo as well as other printing requirements. A check for \$479.25 was receive from Panther Trucking to pay for repair of the back yard where one of their trucks tried to turn around.

Finance Report Post 473 - Current checking: \$7729.53. This included the \$1611.25 in dividend income received. Total investment net worth \$104409.00 as of last report. The finance officer also stated that member Lyle Frederick has donated, in his will, \$5000.00 to the Post. The check will not be received until the will has been probated.

Committee Reports -

First Vice: The website for the Post is nearing completion and should be up and running by mid-April. First Vice also requested a list of deceased members for an HONOR WALL on the web site. The Commander stated he would provide as many names as possible.

Second Vice - No report.

Service Officer - Active duty personnel can initiate a VA claim up to 60 days prior to their release from active duty. A summary of some of the mandates associated with the Obama Health Care Program were provided. Many of the provisions are going to be very unpopular.

Unfinished Business - The start of Bingo at St Demetrius is closer to being a reality. The evening selected will be Wednesday. Approximate cost to rent the facility and equipment and for security will be \$725.00 per session. A commitment for volunteers was requested. Those volunteering include George Bell, Dick Bowersox, Ernie Steele, Diane and Ed Miller, Chuck Maulpin, Mike Corathers, Bob Panovich, Rudie Pozonitz, Bob Grether and Jim Wartens. Personnel to run the kitchen still need to be identified. The St Patrick Day dinner has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Gift for Yanks collected \$57.00, money given to Finance Officer to sent to Department. The Memorial Day Parade will be 27 May, starting at 1000 hours. The Guest speaker will be Senator Frank LaRose. Due to a cutback in funding, a helicopter flyover for the Parade will not happen. A luncheon for

members and their guests will be held after the ceremony. The Honor Guard Rifle being refinished will be ready to view in April. Rentals appear to be picking up in volume.

New Business - The Finance Officer briefed on the American Legion budget and many of the requirements a Post must follow if they want to sell, purchase or transfer assets belonging to the Post. The State and National American Legion want to pass amendments that will significantly limit the Post from having free access to their assets. It was suggested that we send at least two members to the Department Convention in Toledo, in June, to vote on many of these changes. More discussion and motions to be addressed during the April meeting. Lifeline Screening, a cardio/vascular screening organization will be renting the Post on 26 June for the purpose of conducting testing. A coupon with a value of \$149.00, good for a complete screening will be raffled off to those interested. Major Zink and 1st Class Petty Officer Greico, from Garfield High School NJROTC has been recommend by the Post fro the American Legion Educator of the Year Award. Results will be known in May.

Meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours, closing prayer and retirement of the Colors.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Warters
Acting Adjutant.