

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 473

## REGULAR MEETING –12 October, 2021

The Commander called the meeting to order at 1900 hours with 11 members present.

Pledge, Prayer, and Preamble were read.

Roll Call of Officers – All present or Accounted for. The charter was draped for Post Member Dave Smith.

There was a motion to accept the minutes as posted on line and distributed by the Commander via email. The motion was seconded and passed.

**CVP Management Committee Report:** The shooters have returned to use the post range. The front door lock has been repaired and users are requested to be gentle with opening and closing as it is well worn. The door itself has to be replaced and a search for a suitable door is ongoing. A gift card was presented to Mark Mitchel from the post honor guard for his retirement. And he sent a thank you card. The HVAC system maintenance was also discussed.

**Finance:** the Finance Officer gave the Finance Report for both AL Post 473 and the Copley Veterans Post:

Post 473 Checking: \$1438.82

Post 473 Petty Cash: \$88

CVP Checking: \$805.44

CVP Petty Cash: \$420

Investment Checking; \$1552.31

Investment account: \$84,443.37

The Finance Officer reported that an anonymous donation was made to the post in the amount of \$2,000 with restrictions that it be used solely for the improvement of the interior of the post on the dated portion that has not been renovated. In addition, the benefactor will match up to an additional \$1,000, any donations that are made from post members for like use. He also advised that the Post's Continued Existence Form was filed with the IRS and a copy was provided to the Commander. This form is required every five years.

The Reports were motioned to be accepted, seconded and passed.

**New Members:** Jim Fosbrick, retired Army, in attendance and welcomed. The Commander advised that an Edward Lees joined Post 19; however, he would like to switch to our Post. Bob Panovich stated that he would give Post 19 contact info to the Commander to contact Lees.

**Committee Reports:** No reports

**Sick Call:** Walt Breth, Dick Bowersox, Dave Post

**Service Officer:** Funeral for Dave Smith scheduled for 15 November. Acme for Poppy donation stand is a no go. Wal-Mart was also requested and we were turned down. Other sites are being reviewed. The VSC Veteran of the year dinner has been cancelled. A request was made for more participation by members for the flag raising at the Copley Games. The Service Officer attended the service officer training program.

**Unfinished Business:** The commander requested an update on the Chili Cookoff which will be held 6 November. It was mentioned that Lealer had already sent one notice out. Members were asked to respond to her email. The annual Christmas party will be held on 4 December with social hour at 5 and dinner at 6, catered by Charlies. Tom Patterson discussed the effort for Valor Home, and the progress to date. Some discussion was had concerning the use of the American Legion Logo and its use on the distribution bags. Dan O'Brien is also participating in this effort.

**Correspondence:** None

**New Business:** The Americanism and Government tests have been ordered and the test will be administered at Copley High School by Mike and Kathy Corathers this year due to a request by the school to have minimum people attend. The Commander advised that Diane Miller and he want to help next year and are also available this year to assist in grading. The intent is to get more legion Post members involved in this annual event. The Commander advised that Diane and he attended the Stand Down Committee meeting and volunteered to work with the Chair, Ty Sanders, for the 2022 Stand Down. It will be held at Guy's Party Center in Akron on September 13<sup>th</sup>, with training on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More details will be provided later. The desire is to have more Post members help out with future Stand Downs.

**Good of the Legion:** Dick Calta will handle November food; Tom Patterson will take December. The VSC is recruiting an outreach officer; Bob Panovich has more information. He also advised that the Veterans' Service Commission will host a Veterans' Appreciation Picnic at 1100 hours on 23 October.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Closing Prayer was read and the Colors were retired

Meeting Adjourned at 2004 hours

B. Ankney, Adjutant

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