

**BILLY CALDWELL POST 806,  
THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**

**Minutes of the meeting of  
December 10th, 2018**

- A general meeting of the membership was held at Chicago District Police Station located at Milwaukee and Foster Avenues in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Pete Hirt at 12:10 PM. With the American Flag in place a hand salute was rendered. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were recited. A moment of remembrance was given for those who are POW/MIAs. Prayer was given by Chaplain Gregg.
- A roll call of Post Officers was taken

***Roll call of Officers;***

- X Commander / Pete Hirt
- X Senior Vice Commander / Gregg Weghorst
- X Junior Vice – Commander / James Kostka
- X Adjutant & Finance Officer / Al Coughlin
- X Judge Advocate – Al Pizarro
- X Chaplain – Gregg Weghorst
- Excused - Sgt@Arms – Bob Harriett

Other Officers Present; Historian & PC Dale Tippet and a count of all others in attendance. Including all including Auxiliary Unit members, in attendance there were sixteen (16) present.

Minutes from the November meeting were distributed and not read.

***Reports Given***

- **Commander's Report;** Commander Pete thanked all for attending our meeting. Cmdr. Pete informed everyone that the raffle for the Department "Four Pillars" pin would start at this meeting, \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the Post Spring luncheon meeting. Cmdr. Pete reminded everyone to continue on working at membership. Get your eligible friends interested in joining the Legion. He is hopeful that once again that the Post will meet and exceed 100% in membership this year. Once we get our membership in tune we can further our efforts at the programs that we do.
- **Senior Vice;** The SRV informed that membership is at 92% and climbing towards 100%.

- **Junior Vice;** Jim Kostka reported that he is looking into our spring luncheon meeting. The last one went well at The Jolly Inn.
- **Adjutant:** Al Coughlin went over some correspondence received and if anyone needs to pay dues, he brought the cards with and will handle after the meeting.

**Finance;** Al indicated that our General Funds account as of November 30<sup>th</sup> stands at \$22,931.07 and is in balance. We also have 1 \$50,000; 1 \$20,000 and 2 \$5,000 certificates of deposit totaling \$80,000 with MB Financial. We also have \$525.00 allocated to Poppy Funds and \$75. Allocated to 4 Pillar Pin sales.

- . Motion made by Al Pizarro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gregg Weghorst all agreed to accept the finance report.
- **Service Officer:** Al Pizarro suggested that everyone learn the protocols of the Legion. Everyone is reminded about scams, especially with the holiday season upon us. Al also reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the Wreaths Across America program at Union Ridge Cemetery at 11 AM on December 15<sup>th</sup> and also help with distribution for the Gifts to the Yanks program on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 AM at St. Paul's and then on to Norwood Crossing at 1 PM.
- **For the good of the Legion:** Member Ray Carter was introduced and welcomed as first time in attendance at our meetings. Al Coughlin brought up a \$100, donation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division to sponsor a service member and their spouse/guest at the Armed Forces Day Dinner in May. It was agreed to submit a check.

- **Current Happenings;** The Auxiliary joined us with Sue Cunniff Coughlin and Mary Collado. Sue brought up some of the activities of the Auxiliary, including her fundraiser for Department President. Mary up our "Gifts to the Yanks" program for this year between St. Paul's and Norwood Crossing. She also brought up the Bingo sessions at Jesse Brown VA.

- **New Business;** Our January meeting will be held at United in Faith church on Irving Park Road.
- **Old Business;** None

Since there was no further business to be brought before the membership, a motion was made to conclude the meeting.

The meeting was closed by Commander Hirt at 1:20 PM