

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

**Minutes of the meeting of
January 13th, 2018**

- A general meeting of the membership was held at St. Paul's House in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Dale Tippet at 12:20PM. 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.
- A roll call of Post Officers was taken

Roll call of Officers;

- X Commander / Dale Tippet
- X Senior Vice – Commander / Peter Hirt
- X Junior Vice – Commander / James Kostka
- X Adjutant & Finance Officer / Albert Coughlin
Judge Advocate /
- X Sgt @ Arms / Bob Harriett

Other Officers Present; Al Pizarro (Service Officer)

and a count of all others in attendance. Including all in attendance there were eight (8) members present. Also in attendance were six (6) Auxiliary members and one (1) S.A.L. member.

- Minutes of the December meeting were presented and a motion was made by Pete Hirt and approved to be accepted as printed, without being read. Seconded by Bob Harriett all were in favor of acceptance.

Reports Given

- **Commander's Report;** Commander Dale Tippet thanked all for attending our meeting and asked everyone to do self introductions. Dale gave a report concerning the his volunteer work at the Jesse Brown facility. He also informed us of his representation with the Chicago Police concerning recruiting and the involvement with the Legion concerning good citizenship. Dale is still looking to diversifying our leadership. He asked if anyone would be interested in helping by taking on Chairmanships for the Post activities. He asked everyone in considering what they would like to be involved with. Al Pizarro and April Harriett volunteered to co chair next year's GTTY program. Bob Harriett volunteered to handle the color guard. Dale asked Al Pizarro to help represent us with the VAVS Advisory Committee at Jesse Brown. Dale

said that he and 9th District Chaplain Pastor Pfefer would be conducting the 4 Chaplains Service at Norwood Crossing at 2:330 PM. Everyone is invited. There will also be a service held at Franklin Park Post at 1pm.

Dale also discussed **Post PR, National Night Out involvement and Money Smart Week.**

- **Senior Vice;** Pete Hirt indicated that we are on track with membership and are currently at 90%.
- **Junior Vice;** It was brought up that the Junior Vice will look into having a luncheon meeting on May 12th. Possibly at one of the buffets in the area.
- **Finance Report;** Finance Officer, Al Coughlin, reported that as of December 31st we have \$ General Funds Account as of December 31st, 2016 stands at \$19,464.92 and is in balance in our general funds account with MB Financial also with them we have 1 \$50,000; 2 \$20,000; and 2 \$5,000 certificates of deposit for a total of \$100,000 invested in CD's.
- **Adjutant;** Al Coughlin went over correspondence received. If anyone needs to pay dues, I brought the cards with and will handle after the meeting. I have 4 renewals and 3 2910 transfers to go in at the Department membership caravan tomorrow. This will bring us to 149 count out of 152, still need 16 individuals to renew (on the retention end of things). Right now we will stand at 151 members. I mailed out 59 2910 invitations to transfer into our Post. I mailed out 19 renewal reminder postcards both at the beginning of January. I checked into once again having a web site from National, signed our Post up and sent payment for \$299 for start up, then \$250 annually thereafter. Awaiting confirmation notice from National.
- **New Business;** Adjutant Al Coughlin made a motion that we make a \$100. donation to St. Paul's House for allowing us to meet at their facilities. The motion was voted on and approved. Al Pizarro reminded members to contact him if they have any questions concerning their Veteran's benefits since he is now a Legion Department Service Officer at the Jesse Brown VA facility.
- **Old Business;** None

For the good of the Legion; Al Coughlin reminded everyone that The Department Caravan will be here tomorrow at the following Posts

1. 8 AM Howard H. Rohde Post 888 241 E. North Avenue in Northlake
2. 11:30 AM Wayne Wright Post 1052 1258 W. Wrightwood Chicago
3. 5 PM Hillside Post 626 4941 Butterfield Road, Hillside

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 Tippett at 1:05 PM.