

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

**Minutes of the meeting of
January 12th, 2019**

- A general meeting of the membership was held at United in Faith Church Hall in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Pete Hirt at 12:05 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 Excused- Junior Vice – Commander / James Kostka
- X Adjutant & Finance Officer / Al Coughlin
- X Excused - Judge Advocate – Al Pizarro
- X Chaplain – Gregg Weghorst

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 ten (10) members present.

Minutes from the December meeting were distributed to the membership and not read. Membership moved to accept the minutes.

Reports Given

- **Commander's Report;** Commander Pete thanked all for attending our meeting. Cmdr. Pete informed everyone that the Department is selling a "Four Pillars" pin for \$100. It was decided that the Post would purchase one and raffle it off for \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the Post Spring luncheon meeting. The National organization started a new program to attempt to get former members from 2014, 2015 and 2016 to come back into the Legion. Cmdr. Pete presented a check for \$141.75 which represents \$0.75 for each Post member for gaining 100% in membership. The commander reminded everyone that even though we have achieved 100% we still have members that have not renewed and we also need to continue to get new members in order to increase this number.

- **Senior Vice;** The SRV informed that membership is over 100% since the Adjutant will present additional membership at the Department Membership Caravan next week. Gregg also thanked everyone that came to the GTTY distribution at St. Paul's and Norwood Crossing in December. Co Chair April Harriett also thanked everyone that attended those site visits and that the holiday gifts were well received by the veterans.
- **Junior Vice;** Jim Kostka was not present but, Al Coughlin informed all that the Spring Luncheon meeting is planned for the Saturday before Mother's Day 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. He also has tickets for the "Pin" raffle. He also made a motion that we make a \$50.00 donation to the Leading Candidate fund for National Commander, motion carried. He indicated that the Post website has been updated. Al thanked those that participated in the "Wreaths Across America" distribution at Union Ridge Cemetery.

Finance; Al indicated that our General Funds account as of December 31st, 2018 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. Motion made to accept the finance report all in agreement.

- **Historian:** PC Dale Tippet reported that about the upcoming "Four Chaplains" observances. Dale also informed everyone concerning his library outreach program to recruit membership, everyone is invited to join him at these events.. He will be at the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights next Saturday, January 19th at 10 AM.
- **For the good of the Legion:** Comdr. Pete informed everyone about Ninth District meetings that are coming up in February which is "Americanism" and in March "District Everlasting". Everyone is welcome to attend these events, meetings.
- **Auxiliary:** Sue Cunniff reported on the Auxiliary membership. She will be checking with Jesse Brown VA about hosting future bingo nights at the facility. Sue talked about a Easter \$5.00 gift card program for veterans which is provided by the Department of Illinois Auxiliary.
- **New Business;** Our February meeting will be held back at St. Paul's.
- **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 1:25 PM