

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

**Minutes of the meeting of  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- A general meeting of the membership was held at St Paul's Hall in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commander Pete Hirt at 12:15 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 Dale Tippett.
- A roll call of Post Officers was taken

***Roll call of Officers;***

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

Other Officers Present; Historian & PC Dale Tippett and a count of all others in attendance there were eight (8) members present.

Minutes from the February 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 National and the Department are promoting a new membership incentive to bring back members who have not renewed from the years of 2014, 2015 and 2016. Members volunteered to work on our Post's listing which has 33 past members listed. 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;** No report given but we are at 104%.

- **Junior Vice;** Jim Kostka reported that he'll has arranged our May meeting to be held the Saturday before Mother's Day May 11<sup>th</sup> at The Jolly Inn. The Luncheon will start at 11 AM. We will have special guests present.
- **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 indicated that the Post website has been updated.

Al indicated that he submitted the updated delegate / alternate list to the Ninth District Adjutant. Our nominees to the District are now Delegates Jim Kostka and Bob Harriett Alternates Gregg Weghorst and Ray Carter.

**Finance;** Al indicated that our General Funds account as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 stands at \$21,393.00 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. In addition, included in general funds is \$525 allocated to Poppy Funds and \$120 in 4 Pillar Pin account. Motion made to accept the finance report all in agreement.

**Service Officer:** Al Pizarro reported that the National Commander wants all Posts to do "Buddy Checks" on their members not heard from. Al also informed us that he was handling the Armed Forces Day events and requests that our Post support the events.

- **For the good of the Legion:** Comdr. Pete informed everyone about Ninth District meeting that in March will be "District Everlasting" held at Des Plaines Post 36 Everyone is welcome to attend this event/meeting. Al informed everyone that the United States Mint will be selling coins representing the American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March. Bob Harriett requested that the Legion Riders emblem be added to our newsletter masthead and that he as a "Rider" member submit any articles if he has anything to report, it was agreed to. It was brought up about the Armed Forces Day Dinner and the Ninth District Luncheon, if the Post will buy a table at these events, it was moved to discuss and vote on this at the April meeting.

➤ **Auxiliary: None**

- **New Business;** Our April meeting will be held 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 1:15 PM