

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

**Minutes of the meeting of
December 10th, 2016**

- 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 12:25PM. 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
 - X Judge Advocate / Goran Anderson
- Other Officers Present; None

and a count of all others in attendance. Including all in attendance there were ten (10) members present.

- Minutes of the November 12th meeting were read and approved as submitted. Motion made by Pete Hirt and 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 donation to the National Veterans Art Museum located on Milwaukee Avenue by six corners. Dale also talked about his volunteer work at the Jesse Brown facility and how he recently helped out at the donated clothes locker there. Dale is looking to diversifying our leadership. He asked if anyone would be interested in helping by taking on the Service Officer position. Al Pizarro indicated that he could do that especially since he's now working for the Department in that capacity at the Jesse Brown facility. The Commander appointed Al Pizarro to that position. The Commander indicated that Edison Park Post does not do the Gifts to the Yanks program at Norwood Crossing and feels that Billy Caldwell can take care of them and St. Paul's next year. Dale also invited everyone to the Four Chaplains Service at Norwood Crossing, where he is Chaplain, on Sunday February 5th, 2017 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

- **Senior Vice;** Pete Hirt indicated that we are on track with membership and are currently at 89.47%.
- **Junior Vice;** It was brought up that the Junior Vice will look into having a luncheon meeting either in April, May or June. Possibly at one of the buffets in the area.
- **Finance Report;** Finance Officer, Al Coughlin, reported that as of November 30th we have \$20,020.21, 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. We received a Christmas card from Flags for Veterans, who we have purchased flags and poles from in the past which included a discount on a purchase of \$100 plus. Motion made by Al Pizarro, 2nd by Pete Hirt to make a purchase for future use, voted on and approved. Al Pizarro included a suggestion that we possibly use it for small flag purchases in order to decorate veteran's graves. It was also brought up at a past meeting that we should look into once again having a web site. Al Coughlin looked into getting one through National and reports that it will cost \$299. For start up, then \$250 annually thereafter. A motion was made by Bruno Renkal to go ahead with the purchase, 2nd by Pete Hirt, voted on and approved. Al Coughlin requested assistance with the upkeep of the website and Bob Harriett volunteered to help.
- **New Business;** Member Bob Harriett made a motion that we make a donation to "Wreaths Across America" 2nd by Al Pizarro it was voted on and approved. A donation will be made for each branch of service. Bob Harriett said he saw a nice write up about Billy Caldwell on the Veterans Art Museum donation on their Face Book page. Bob Harriett made a "sandwich board" for the Post, to put out at our meetings so people will know where we are at. A resolution was presented for Al Pizarro to run for 1st Division Junior Vice at the June 2017 convention, it was approved for submission to the District.
- **Old Business;** None
- **For the good of the Legion;** Al Coughlin suggested that the Post start a new program for any new members of the Post be provided with a Legion cap after they attend 3 meetings. This would only apply to "Blue caps". Al indicates that a few other Posts do this and it seems to be a good way of recognizing new members for their attendance and interest in the Post. It was voted on and agreed to begin this Post program.

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 1:45 PM.

