

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

**Minutes of the meeting of  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Tippett 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 Tippett  
EXCUSED 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 eight (8) members present. We also had four (4) guests.

***Reports Given***

- Commander's Report; Commander Dale Tippett thanked all for attending our September meeting. He informed us that he was grateful to the 9<sup>th</sup> District and the Department of Illinois for the presentation of Chaplain's Cross awarded at the State Convention in July. He has been reading up and learning more about the Legion. He attended a 17<sup>th</sup> District (Chicago Police) CAPS meeting in August and addressed them about the American Legion. The Commander then informed us that the Post building has been sold and we are just awaiting a closing date, which should be soon.

➤ Finance Report; Finance Officer, Al Coughlin, reported that we have \$8,341.15 as of August 31, 2016. He also informed the members that with the impending amount of funds that we will receive from the building sale that we need to 1, change banks 2, determine how to divide the majority of the funds into term CD's 3, a workable budget. He then indicated to change from TCF Bank to American Charter (MB Financial) since he had transferred all of the Ninth District finances to that bank. A vote was taken and it was agreed to do business with American Charter. It was agreed by those present that the Commandeer and the Finance Officer will determine when opening the new accounts as to the division of funds. He then went over the last two (2) years of expenses and presented a workable budget by line items. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, with changes as made, a vote was taken and passed as to the budget.

➤ Adjutant Report; Al Coughlin then proceeded to report the following;

Jim Kostka and I spent 8 days in Cincinnati for the National Convention. Attended meetings and the general convention seating. Were addressed by both Clinton and Trump.

Gave information to those in attendance as to what transpired with the meeting with the attorney on Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 concerning the sale of the building and the closing date. We did not have to have anything fixed on the Post building. The buyers are purchasing "as is". We are very lucky with this.

Need email addresses of those in attendance, if not currently on record. Also, can we begin to email newsletters in order to save money? This is done by Morton Grove Post.

Reminder that I need reports from everyone for the next newsletter by next week.

Any dues I'll process today, I brought the cards with me.

Jim Kostka and I located and were able to visit long time member Johnny "Zero" Zurowski.

Sad note, I was notified that member Ray Rice passed away suddenly yesterday.

- New Business; None
- Old Business; The next meeting will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at St. Paul's.
- Good of the Legion; Judge Advocate Goran Anderson reminded everyone about the upcoming Bataan Day ceremonies in Northlake.

We were then addressed by our 9<sup>th</sup> District Officers who were making a visit to our Post. Those who addressed us were District Commander Robert Fugitti, Vice Commanders Walt Gaglia and Don Horn. Also joining them was the District Chaplain Pastor Paul Pfeffer.

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 1:30 PM.

