

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

**Minutes of the meeting of
November 10th, 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 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 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 Junior Vice – Commander / James Kostka
- X Adjutant & Finance Officer / Al Coughlin
- X 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 thirteen (13) members present.

Minutes from the October meeting were not read.

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. Motion was made by Al Pizarro, 2nd by Bob Harriett that the Post purchase a pin to raffle off. Al Pizarro also suggested that all monies collected be given to the Department for distribution to the 4 programs. Cmdr. Pete reminded everyone to continue on working at membership. Get your eligible friends interested in joining the Legion. He is hopeful that once again that the Post will meet and exceed 100% in membership this year. Once we get our membership in tune we can further our efforts at the programs that we do.

- **Senior Vice;** The SRV informed that membership is at 86.02% since the Adjutant sent in additional renewals and 2910 transfers this past week but, were not recorded as yet by Department.
- **Junior Vice;** Jim Kostka reported that he is looking into our spring luncheon meeting. The last one went well 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.

Finance; Al indicated that our General Funds account as of October 31st stands at \$22,485.29 and is in balance with checks totaling \$493.22 and deposits totaling \$1,180.00 outstanding. We also have 1 \$50,000; 1 \$20,000 and 2 \$5,000 certificates of deposit totaling \$80,000 with MB Financial.

- . Motion made by Bob Harriett, 2nd by Gregg Weghorst all agreed to accept the finance report.
- **Service Officer:** Al Pizarro suggested that everyone learn the protocols of the Legion. Everyone is reminded about scams, especially with the holiday season upon us. A motion was made to give a \$100 donation to the Jesse Brown VA Food Pantry, by Dale Tippet and seconded by Bob Harriett.
- **For the good of the Leagion:** Member Jose Urtega and guest Victor Collado reminded everyone that the holidays bring about different emotions and feelings. Many are lonely and feel helpless and contemplate suicide. Reach out to those who may be suffering not just during the holiday's but all through the year.
 - **Current Happenings;** The Auxiliary joined us with Sue Cunniff Coughlin and April Harriett. Sue brought up some of the activities of the Auxiliary, including her fundraiser for Department President. April brought up our "Gifts to the Yanks" program for this year between St. Paul's and Norwood Crossing.
- **New Business;** Our January meeting will be held at United in Faith church on Irving Park Road.
- **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