

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

**Minutes of the meeting of
October 13th, 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
- 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 in attendance there were eight (8) members present.

Minutes from the September meeting were not read.

Reports Given

- **Commander's Report;** Commander Pete thanked all for attending our meeting. Cmdr. Pete informed everyone that Al Pizarro was at Department Headquarters for Officer meetings and had texted him that the Department is selling a "Four Pillars" pin for \$100 and hopes that every Post will purchase one. It was decided that this would be tabled until the next meeting when more information would be available. Cmdr. Pete reminded everyone to continue on working at membership. 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 76.88% since the Adjutant sent in 5 renewals, 1 new member and 1 2910 transfer this past week but, was 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, I brought the cards with and will handle after the meeting.

Finance; Al Coughlin indicated that we cashed in a \$20,000 CD. The funds were placed into General Funds. Member Joe Sedivy inquired if we could place some of that back into another CD. It was discussed and this is a possibility. Al indicated that it would not really produce a significant amount of interest, this one produced just over \$100 in the two years of activity but, he will check into it. Joe Sedivy suggested checking with USAA. Al indicated that our General Funds account is at 23,159.95 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.

Al went over some annual donations if the Post wants to do them again this year they are as follows; \$500 to Gifts to the Yanks and the rest in \$100 amounts; WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, ST. CYPRIANS FOOD PANTRY, THE HAVEN AND ST. PAU'S HOUSE. A motion was made by Bob Harriett, second by Joe Sedivy all agreed to make the donations as represented.

- **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;** St. Paul's will hold its Veteran's Day Program at 2 PM on November 9th. Norwood Crossing will hold theirs at 10 AM the same day, everyone is welcome to attend these events.
- **Old Business;** None

Everyone was invited to join with St. Paul's for their Blessing of Pets immediately after our meeting.

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 1:30 PM