

Minutes Of

Post No. 35 Department of Maine

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes of 18 March 2022

Meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by 1st Vice Commander Splettstoesser with 4 officers and 3 members present.

Minutes of the 21 January 2022 meeting was read to members present; minutes were approved and filed with Post Adjutant

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Johnson reported that all bills were paid and the Bangor Savings Bank account had a balance of \$13,817.92 of which \$7,762.62 was in the General Fund, and \$6,05.30 is in the Savings account as of 3/18/2022 Report was made and held for audit.

Membership Committee Chairman – Splettstoesser reported that membership is at 108%, according to District 2 records, Our “Goal to Grow” is 75 and we have 94 of our 105 members who have paid their 2022 dues.

Executive Committee Chairman – No Report

Americanism Officer – Americanism Committee members Splettstoesser and Pock traveled to Thomas College on February 12th to attend the Department Oratorical Contest. 2nd District candidate Mateus Campos placed third.

Trustees Chair Chairman – Chairman Pock reported that the Ceiling and Lighting has been installed in the Main Room and Hallway. The American Legion signs have yet to be hung. On February 7th we had a minor fire that was extinguished by a melted water pipe. Extensive wall and floor damage was caused by the Fire Department. Repairs have been ongoing since the 7th and are near completion. A partial Insurance payment has been received and the final Invoice from Pock Carpentry LLC, who acted as General Contractor for repairs, will be submitted to the Insurance Company upon completion. Additionally there was some overdue work on the furnace. The water level float valve was replaced as well as, the boiler drain valve. Both furnace items were covered under the Building and Furnace maintenance accounts on the budget

Finance Committee – Finance Officer Johnson reported that the fire damage was covered by our Insurance policy with a \$2,500.00 deductible. All Contractors have been paid completely and Pock Carpentry LLC is receiving partial payments as the work progresses. Payments to Contractors were made

from the General and Savings accounts until the first payment was received from the Insurance Company. The first payment of \$6,361.79 has been received and the deposited in the Posts bank account.

Sick Call

1. Ed Tyler and Ross Fehnel were both excused due to illness

Old Business

1. \$500.00 was given to Dwayne Hopkins from the South Portland Food Pantry by Adjutant Pock on January 27th
2. \$2,000.00 was moved from the Post Money Market account to the General Fund to cover payment of the Ceiling Project.
3. Two (2) Gas Detector, required by State Law, were purchased and installed
4. Action on painting the Main room was postponed due to our "Fire Incident".
5. Past Commander Scholarship Award donation of \$2.00 for each living Past Commander will be forwarded to the Department of Maine. Post 35 has eleven (11) Past Commanders of which six (6) are regular attenders at our monthly meetings.
6. Bottle Drive will be restarted "Mid-April" and returnable cans and bottles will be stored under the front porch until taken to recycle center.

Past Commander Recognition

Splettstoesser, Marston, and Batchelor were in attendance.

Correspondence

1. A Thank You letter was received from the South Portland Food Pantry
2. A request for support was received from the State YMCA. No action taken due to our moratorium on donations.
3. An Invitation to a "Grand Opening" of the Bar at AMVETS Post 13 in Durham was received and announced.

New Business

1. In lieu of a Nomination Committee report the Adjutant polled the existing Officers as to their intent toward standing for office for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The results were as follows:

Commander – Guy Linscott – Yes

1st Vice Commander – Wes Splettstoesser - Yes

2nd Vice Commander -Tony Batchler – Yes

Finance Officer – Matt Johnson – No

Adjutant – Michael Pock – Yes

Chaplain – Skip Farr – Yes (When Available)

Sgt. at Arms – Ross Fehnel – Yes

This list of nominations will be voted on at the May 19th meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor in person in accordance with Post 35 By-Laws. Any nominee not in attendance, with the exception of Chaplain, not in attendance will not be voted in.

2. A motion for the Maine Regiment will be hold and “Bottle Drive” from the 20th of June thru the 25th of June culmination in a Italian Sandwich Lunch to raise support for their organization was presented. Motion to approve by Mike Pock, seconded by Paul Thibault. Motion approved.

50/50 Raffle

No raffle held

Post Everlasting

Ralph DeAngelis – Died in October 2021, 49 year member. Notice passed on to Dist. 2 Chaplain.

For the Good of the Legion/ Upcoming Events

1. The Post recently had a “Stair Lift” donated for the use of a Vet. Stair Lift was disassembled and is presently stored at the Post. Anyone who knows of a Vet in need of a Chair Lift please contact Adjutant Pock.

2. Memorial Day Parade will be held in South Portland on May 30th. “Flagging of Veteran’s graves will be done on Saturday May 28th. Further information will be put out by the South Portland War Veterans Memorial Association.

3. A Memorial Service was held at Post 155 in Naples for Curtis Merrill who held more American Legion, 40/8 and Masonic offices to list was well attended and he will be greatly missed.

4. Up Coming Events –

March 2022

21st. Red Cross Blood Drive

26th – Maine Regiment

April 2022

2nd – Private Party (Paquet)

8th – 10th – Sea Cadets

11th – Red Cross Blood Drive

12th – 2nd District Past Commander's/Presidents Supper (Gray Post 86 @ 5:00 PM)

13th – Commanders Coffee

15th – Post Meeting

16th – Private Party (Smith)

23rd – Maine Regiment

Commander Closing Comments.

1. 1st Vice Commander Splettstoesser thanked everyone present for coming out to attend our meeting and provide a quorum to conduct Post business

Adjournment

8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Pock – Adjutant