

Minutes Of

Post No. 35 Department of Maine

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes of 19 March 2021

Meeting was opened at 7:08 PM by Commander Linscott with 5 officers and 2 members present.

Minutes of the 19 February 2021 meeting were read, approved and filed with Post Adjutant

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Marston reported that all bills were paid and the Key Bank account had a balance of \$10,545.54 of which \$4,504.33 in General Fund, \$6,041.21 in Savings. Report was made and held for audit.

Membership Chairman Splettstoesser reported that 82 of our 86 members have paid their annual dues for a percentage of 105%. Department holds our percentage at 91% based on a goal of 79 members. New method of counting membership has been put in place. We have 4 members who have not renewed to date.

Executive Committee Splettstoesser read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 2/26/2021. The New Business from that meeting were items that were tabled at the previous regular meeting and were not acted on because that meeting did not have a quorum and therefore motions could not be acted on. Those four (4) items are as follows:

1. Sponsorship of a Little League team and the diversion of funds allotted for American Legion Baseball be allocated to the Little League team in the National League. Motioned by Ed Tyler and seconded by Tony Batchelor – Passed. Contact with Richard Matthews to be made by Adjutant
2. Donation of \$53.80 to the South Portland Food Bank which was ½ of the total received from the bottle redemption. Motion to make payment from the General Fund by Mike Pock and seconded by Ed Tyler – Passed. Adjutant to deliver check.
3. “Honorary Life Membership” in the American Legion for 50 year members and WWII members of our Post annually from Post funds. Motion by Ed Tyler and seconded by Tony Batchelor – Passed. Adjutant to pay dues and contact members.
4. Purchase and Installation of Security Camera for the Post with a cost of not to exceed \$250. Funds to come from Building Fund Account as authorized by Finance Committee member present at this meeting. Motion by Mike Pock and seconded by Ed Tyler – Passed. Installation to be done within the next week.

Trustees Chairman Pock reported that the Security Camera System has been install with the help of member Ouillette, Seymourian and Kohnke. Final hookup to Internet will be before the next meeting. In addition, while the wiring was being accomplished, the Emergency Light unit on the 1st floor was replaced. All material cost was under the allotted amount.

Americanism Officer Marston reported that based on information from the latest District meeting that although Oratorical has been cancelled by Department the Boys & Girls State, at this time, is still on schedule.

Sick Call

Ron Palmquist fell at his home but is recovering. Get well cards were sent by Adjutant and Commander

Unfinished Business

Little League Sponsorship – Still awaiting contact with Richard Matthews local representative of the South Portland National Little League.

South Portland Food Panty – Adjutant Pock hand delivered the \$53.80 check, proceeds from Food and Bottle Drive of 2/13/2021 event, and toured the facilities. South Portland Food Bank responded with a nice Thank You letter.

Honorary Life Membership – All WWII and 50 years Post members will become Honorary Life Members and will have their dues paid as long as they live and are members of our Post. Membership due effective 1 June 2021.

Security System Upgrade – Security systems install and connected to Adjutant/Facilities Manager cell phone for remote monitoring.

Past Commander Recognition

Batchelor, Linscott, Splettstoesser, Gavett and Marston were in attendance.

Correspondence

A Thank You card was received from the South Portland Food Panty for our donation.

An Invitation was received from the Seventh Day Adventist for an Easter Service

New Business

1. The subject of the Memorial Day Flagging and Parade were brought up. Commander Linscott called for a meeting of the South Portland War Veterans Memorial association to be held on the 23rd of March at 1900 at the Post. Members of the committee but not members of the Post and any others interested will be notified.

50/50 Raffle

A drawing was held and won by Ken Marston. Total receipt \$37.00 donated to the Post by the winner.

Good of the Legion

This past week Member Marston and Batchelor delivered several bags of flag to be ceremonially burned at Post 76 in Scarborough. Another delivery will be made in the near future.

Adjournment

7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Pock – Adjutant