

Minutes Of
Post No. 35 Department of Maine
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes of 16 December 2022

Meeting was opened at 7:05 PM by Commander Linscott with 5 officers and 2 members present.

Minutes of the 18 November 2022 meeting were read to members present; minutes were approved and amended as follows: Bob Hughes was appointed to fill the position of Post Chaplain by unanimous consent of members present. Additionally in Good of Legion area the price of Heating Oil is at \$3.35 per gallon not \$2.89. minutes with changes will be filed with Post Adjutant

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Finance Officer pro teim Splettstoesser reported that all bills were paid and the Bangor Savings Bank account had a balance of \$18,950.57 of which \$2943.80 was in the General Fund, and \$16,006.77 is in the Savings account as of 12/16/2022 Report was made and held for audit.

Membership Committee Chairman – Chairman Splettstoesser reported that we have 81 of our 102 members who have paid their 2023 dues. Department wise we are at 93% of our “Goal to Grow “number. If you haven’t paid your dues please forward to Adjutant Pock.

Executive Committee – No Report

Americanism Officer – Committee member Pock contacted CEHS, SPHS, GPCS and emailed Greely High School in Cumberland. Out of 1600 students, in the Greater South Portland area, and an unknown number at Greely High School we, at this date have no applicants. Post 35 will not be holding an Oratorical Contest and have no representative at District Two.

Trustees Committee – No Meeting

Sick Call

Ed Tyler

Old Business

A. A motion to forward budget approved donations to the South Portland Historical Society, South Portland Food Pantry and the Maine Military Museum was passed and the funds forwarded.

B. A motion to allow the Southern Maine Agency on the Aging to hold monthly lunches at the Post at no cost was passed. First lunch to be held on Monday December 19th.

Past Commander Recognition

Past Commanders Linscott, Splettstoesser and Batchelor were in attendance.

Correspondence

Letters of Thanks was received from the South Portland Food Pantry (attached). A donation and Christmas card from Stephen Kittredge for Oil and a Christmas Card from Reynold's and Sons.

A Letter of Solicitation was received from Wreathes Across America and taken up in New Business below. A letter of support was received from Homeless Veterans Project and taken up in New Business below.

New Business

A. Motion to nominate all Past Commanders to the status of Honorary Life Membership and pay their due going forward annually from the Post funds was made by Mike Pock and seconded by Bob Hughes. Motion Passed

B. Motion to contribute to Wreaths Across American by purchasing five (5) wreaths for the amount of \$75.00 from the Memorial Committee budgets account was made by Bob Hughes and seconded by Tony Batchelor. Motion Passed

C. Motion, in an attempt to increase meeting attendance, was made to hold January, February and March 2023 meeting on the following Saturdays: January 14th @ 1:00 PM and March 11th @ 1:00PM. February meeting will be in the form of an Executive Committee Meeting @ 3:00 PM after an "Open House". Moved by Guy Linscott and seconded by Paul Theabault. Motion Passed

D. Motion to support the Homeless Veterans Project was discussed and although we were unable to support their complete request we voted to approve \$300, to be taken from the Memorial Committee budget account. Moved by Wes Splettstoesser and seconded by Guy Linscott. Motion Passed.

50/50 Raffle

Raffle not held

Post Everlasting

None

For the Good of the Legion/ Upcoming Events

1. Commander Linscott proposed a “Open House” at the Post on February 11th as a form of Thank You to the community for the support of our bottle drive and a member recruitment event. Adjutant to produce a “History of the Post” brochure for the event.

2. Up Coming Events

December 2022

17th - McGonagle Family Christmas Party

19th - SMAA Lunch 11:00 – 1:00 PM

19th - Christmas Packing Party

24th – Perez Birthday Party

30th Kieran Birthday Party

January 2023

6th – 8th – Sea Cadet Weekend

14th – Post Meeting @ 1:00 PM

21st – Maine Regiment 10:00 -11:30 AM (1st Floor)

21st – Perez Birthday Party 4:00 – 9:00PM (Ground Floor)

February 2023

3rd – 5th – Sea Cadet Weekend

6th – AARP Tax Assistance Program

8th – Maine Regiment 5:30 – 8:00 PM (1st Floor)

11th – Open House 1:00 – 3:00 PM

11th – Executive Committee Meeting 3:00 PM

12th – 2nd District Meeting 2:00 PM

13th – AARP Tax Assistance Program

16th – SMAA Lunch 11:00 – 1:00 PM

17th -18th 40/8 Annual Meetings

20th – AARP Tax Assistance Program

25th – Maine Regiment 10:00 – 11:30 AM (1st Floor)

27th - AARP Tax Assistance Program

Commander Closing Comments.

1. Commander Linscott thanked everyone present for coming out to attend our meeting and provide a quorum to conduct Post business and to wish all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment

8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael R. Pock – Adjutant