

American Legion Post 315

Post Membership Meeting

13 Jul 21

Opening

- One rap of gavel to signify opening of the meeting:
 - Doors closed by Sgt at Arms
- Three raps of gavel:
 - Please rise and remove your covers.
 - Chaplin will lead us in prayer.
 - Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - The American Legion preamble will be passed over at this time
- Replace covers and take seats.

Opening

- POW/MIA Chair
 - A POW/MIA chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POWs/MIAs still unaccounted from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder to all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the reparation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing.
- One rap of Gavel
 - I now declare this meeting of Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, regularly convened.

Order of Business

- Is a quorum present?
- Any Guests today? Jerry Andrus
- Any new members present
 - Stand give military background and reason you joined.
- Reading of minutes of the last meeting.
- Board Meeting/Post Committee report
- Finance Report
- Post Service Officer report
- Building and grounds report
- Sick Call

Order of Business

- Old business
- New business
- Closing

Minutes from last meeting

Board Meeting/Post Committee

- Hall rental
 - Revised agreement to make Post 315 members funerals free but not non-Post members.
 - Gray, Kisly, and Krauss want us to look out for financially strapped Veterans who are not Post or maybe not even Legion members.
 - **No vote was required. Post Committee no issues.**
- Web Site
 - Contract signed.
 - We have done first review
 - Security question on phone numbers **Board has no problem with their phone numbers on web Site. Post Committee is checking**
- Labor for the Bar
 - Elected to go with Facebook. **Also, Craig's list, Facebook Marketplace and Exponent.**

Board Meeting/Post Committee

- Incident in the Memorial
 - There was a report of a verbal altercation with neighbor but cannot confirm.
Board agreed with punishment meted out. Post Committee agreed.
- Memorial Garden
 - Rental Board votes not to Rental
 - Hours Board votes no alcohol after 2100hrs.
 - Post Committee agrees
- Face book Site
 - Dave Kennedy still has control of site.
 - Post Committee sees value here.

Board Meeting/Post Committee

- Dinner co-fund raiser
 - POC-Kenny Lausch and Bob Stockton
 - Goal
 - Drinks and meals – Meals at cost and buy your own drinks
 - Board agreed with POCs and drinks/meals. Post Committee agrees on drinks, Awaiting results of Post committee on combined Fund raiser.
- Scholarships
 - Shared
 - Criteria **Not discussed.**
 - Kerr Scholarship Fund history. **I must talk to Mr. Kerr.**
 - **Waiting Commander investigation**
- Bar:
 - Prices **Need to send list to Board.**
 - One day closure **Board voted to close on Monday. Post Committee agreed.**

Board Meeting/Post Committee

- Calendar **Discussed input.**
- Building maintenance priorities – **Awaiting return of Dave Moore.**
 - Driveway
 - Electrical
 - AC fans
- Minutes to change my name on the checking account. **Done at next membership meeting.**
- **Weapons policy for the Post.**
 - Post Committee advised no weapons.
 - Board has recommended vote at membership meeting.
- Ritual Team drinks.
 - Board voted to pick up 1/3 bill
 - Would like membership vote.

Board Meeting/Post Committee

- Building clean up
 - Discuss at Post Committee Meeting. Did not get too.
- Columbia Fire Department Fire pup Program
 - Community service
 - \$300 split among the Units services 100 children.
 - Post Committee agrees to share. \$100 per group.
 - Board voted yes.
- Accelerator Contract for Hall rental Board rejected offer of \$30 a day for hall usage.
- Kitchen equipment available – Kenny Lausch looking at.
- Hall rental layout. Discussed

Finance

Financial	
Grand total cash on hand as of 06/30/2021	\$ 137,673.14
Pull Tab cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Keno Lottery cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Petty Cash (In house)	\$ 1,700.00
Kerr Investment Account (+ / -)	\$ 29,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 59,613.74
Queen of Hearts	\$ 8,102.14
Scholarship Account	\$ 3,757.30
Total Earmarks	\$ 105,173.18
Free Cash	\$ 32,499.96

Service Officer Report

Building and Grounds Report

- Parking Lot
 - Dates for closure
 - Run off from back driveway
- Priorities
 - AC fans
 - Electrical

Old Business

- Any more old business?

Sick Call

- Garry Sanchez has passed away.
- Dan Shore has passed away.
- Willard Chapin has passed away.
- Marvin Meyer has passed away.

New Business

- Ritual Team
 - Jim Gray has asked to step down.
 - Brad Klein is now in charge.
- Legion Preamble
- WWII Dinner

New Business

By-laws

Board approved to take to the membership.

- We are currently operating under 2011 By-laws:
 - These By-laws are not registered with Michigan Legion:
 - They have no record of ever receiving By-laws from Post 315.
 - This does not make our By-laws invalid as we are an Independent Incorporated Post.
 - Still trying to figure out this incorporation.
- We have three versions available:
 - 2011 (17 pg.'s).
 - 2019 (14 pg.'s) version from Jim G's Team (Darwin H, Bill M, and Frank Hone).
 - 2021 (15 pg.'s) version from Mark Y Team (Darwin H, Bill M, Mark O).
- Various reasons for the page differences.

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Elimination of repeated language.
 - Elimination of outdated requirements such as newsletters.
 - Change Board of Directors to Executive Committee to align with the Department
 - Switching past Commander Committee seat to an elected seat.
 - Directors on the Executive Committee have their terms changed from 5 years to 3 years.
 - Change the Directors election dates to the same as the Post Officers.
 - Change date of election transition from Jun General meeting to 1 Jun.

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Change from two days of early voting to one day with an extra hour added.
 - Change any appointments for vacant Officer or Committee positions from Commander appointment/Board approval to Commander appointment/Membership approval.
 - Revised all duties of officers.
 - Change requests for Special Meetings from 7 members to 5 members.
 - Commander is voting member of Executive Committee.

New Business

- Any more new business?

Closing

- Please stand and remove your covers.
- Chaplin will lead us in prayer.
- Replace covers.
- Face the flag and hand salute – two.
- I now declare this meeting of the Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, the American Legion, Department of Michigan adjourned.