

Kells Grennie Post 316
Minutes for Meeting Held on February 20, 2017
At New Dorp Moravian Church

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Commander Joseph Occhipinti the Flags and POW/MIA Chairback were presented by Sgt-at-Arms Gus Larosa and saluted by the members in attendance, opening prayers were read by VC Bill Baumwoll, the Pledge of Allegiance and the preamble were recited by the members.

Commander asked for the roll call of all officers were present accept for Treasure Carmine Vacirca and Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald who were excused.

Commander asked for the reading of the minutes from the January meeting. The minutes were and motion made by Ferdi and seconded by Gus and carried.

Joe announced Richie Burdge as a reactivated member and has 34 years of continuous service to the Post. And Ferdi Salvatore who has 57 years of service to the Post.

Committee Reports

Joe said there will be no financial reports read tonight because both treasurers are not here tonight.

Membership: Allen reported that we have 108 paid up. He also said that National has added new ways of trying to get members that belong to Post 1 in Albany to get them to possibly transfer to a Post in their area. A letter can be printed out and sent directly to the individual member and ask them if they would like to transfer to our Post.

Charity and Donations: John asked that we make this month's donation to Sunrise Walk 2017, that is being held on June 4th. John also suggested that we take part in the walk. John made a motion to donate \$100 to the cause, and was seconded by Gus and approved. Allen said the organization provides a day camp for children with cancer.

John said he spoke to Member Dennis Rosenwald has 2nd Stage Cancer and asked members to call him. Joe said he received a call from Dennis's wife and said he needed a ride home from the Brooklyn VA and said Allen Volunteered to go pick him up. John suggested that Allen when out of his way to this good deed and because of this he made a motion to have the Post pay is dues for 2018 was voted on and passed.

Good of the Legion: John said Allen's wife did a great job making the table setting for the Valentines party.

Service Officer: Joe Toronto said the VA wants to open about 24 additional outpatient facilities across the country. It must get Congressional Approval first. A lot of the facilities that are now in existence have 20 year leases and many are coming due. He said there is a Bill in the Senate # 233 and a companion Bill in Congress.

New Business: Bob Mahoney reported on information he received at the Mid-Winter Conference. He said they would like each individual post to create a Law and order program to honor 911 first responders like Police, Firefighters and EMS workers in the local area of their post to let them and the community know that we do care and thank them. John made a motion that we have a law and order night in September it seconded by Ferdi and carried.

Bob also the American National is trying to put together a book of all veteran monuments.in their areas and pass it onto Department and they will send it to National HQ.

Bob also reported that the American Legion college is now accepting Auxiliary members and SAL members.

Bob also spoke about the program American Legion Department of NY has for Veterans suffering from PTSD that can go to Saratoga and everyone is assigned a horse who he or she can talk to and explain their problems too. It is called the Saratoga War Horse Program Foundation.

Bob also said that the American Legion will be making history this year when the National Commander and the NY State Commander will be a women.

Clear Calendar: Bob said the next county meeting is on March 17th at 12 pm at Merrell Post. March 26th Children & Youth Breakfast at the Staaten at 9 am \$32 per person.

April 7th National Commanders Dinner at Antuns Restaurant at 7 pm \$65 per person.

Bob complimented Joe O on the great job he did on the 4 Chaplains breakfast.

Joe said the Staten Island Blind Society had a full table and breakfast. He also said we as a Legion Post should get more involved in helping other organizations.

Sick Call and Prayer Requests: Allen said Charlie was in the hospital and had a heart procedure that went well and is now home and resting. Bob said that Lou Guerriero passed away. John said Dennis Rosenwald is not doing well. Joe said his brother had colon surgery and Lester said Leo's wife Anna had surgery. Please jeep them all in your prayers.

With no further business to discuss the Commander asked the chaplain to read closing prayers and to remembers our members and family members that are ill in all our prayers and those that are no longer with us and to pray for all our military that are serving now.

Taps was played and the flags were saluted and retired.

Respectfully Submitted

Lester Modelowitz

Adjutant