

Kells- Grennie American Legion Post 316
Minutes for Meeting
November 18, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Commander Carmine Vacirca, Opening prayers were read by Chaplain William Baumwoll, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble was recited by all in attendance and the POW-MIA Chair was put in place by the Sgt-at-Arms.

Commander asked the Adjutant for roll call of Officers and Chairman's all were present. Commander asked for the reading of minutes from last meeting. There were no new minutes to be read as the two previous meetings were special events the adjutant said that the minutes from June were posted online.

Committees

Membership: John Vivolo said we have 91 paid members for the new year. John said last year we ended up with 117 paid members.

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Boys and Girls State: Bill Baumwoll reported that he should be receiving some information after the holidays on the programs for 2020 and also reported that Frank Saladis will no longer be the County Chairman. Bill said tomorrow he was attending a ceremony for last years Girls State program at the Marine Corps League.

Corporate Treasurer: Leo Milham reported that he had eliminated the Money Market account because it was paying 0% interest.

He gave the totals for the Operating Fund, Membership Fund, Post Treasury, Non-Profit Charitable Account, Platinum Savings Account and CD certificates. If any member would like to know the totals please contact the Corporation Treasurer. Leo said that American Legion National increased the yearly dues by \$5 we chose not to raise the dues and have left it at \$40 per member, the Post will eat that \$5 so we do not lose any members.

Leo said we are going to have a Christmas party again this but in order to get a private room at a restaurant it must be held on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. Leo explained the three different choices of a family style dinner. Leo state the way it

will work you must call the Post phone number and leave a message stating your name and if you are bringing a guest and leave your phone number.

If you say you are coming and do not show up, you will be responsible for the cost.

Leo also said when we have events please wear your Post 316 Shirts that each member received for free so at the events guest will know you are a member of the Post.

Leo said only six members showed up for event held at the Carmel nursing home.

New Business: Carmine asked for a member to step up and take on the Children and Youth Committee.

The Christmas party will be held on December 18th at Patrizia's Restaurant at 7:30 pm the restaurant is located at the intersection of Amboy Road and Old Amboy Road.

The menu will be the Top of the line menu which Leo described before the break in the meeting.

Bob Mahoney reported that \$500 each was donated by Senator Diane Savino and Assemblyman Michael Cusick to have the monument that was built by the former members of the Con Thien memorial post at the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility in the mid 90's and is now at a permanent place at a cemetery on Forest Ave.

With no further business to be conducted the commander asked the Chaplain to read the closing prayer. Taps were played the POW/MIA Chair was retired the Flag was saluted and also retired for the evening.

Respectfully
Submitted

Lester Modelowitz
Post Adjutant