

Kells – Grennie American Legion Post 316

Minutes of meeting held on

April 20, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Post Commander Joe Occhipinti. Opening prayers were read by Commander Dennis Occhipinti, the Commander asked to Remember all personal that are POW's or MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited by the membership. The Commander then asked for the Roll Call of Officers was taken absent was VC Bill Baumwoll and Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald.

Committee Reports

The Commander asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. They were read by the Adjutant and accepted by the membership.

Membership Chairman Allen Polazzo said that we are up to 172 paid members for the 2014 – 2015 dues. But we have to find ways of attracting new members, also send out letters or make calls to members that might just have forgotten to pay their dues. Continued discussion on ways of increasing the members or reminding those that have forgotten to send in their payments. Allen also said that when the new dues are sent out by National the Post dues will go from \$35 to \$40 per year. Commander said that just trying to get transmittals from Post 1 is not the only answer of increasing membership to our Post, but we must find other tools to picking up new members. Leo mentioned that Tommy Simonetti who was a long time member of this Post and because of his having dementia has not paid his dues and his membership has lapsed.

Treasurer Carmine Vacirca an abbreviated report on the post funds. Anyone that would like to see the complete report please contact Carmine.

Leo Milham gave a semi report on the Post's funds and told the Post that the Church will no longer be renting the hall. The revenue that is generated from hall parties will not be able to keep the building afloat. After the meeting the

Board of Directors will meet and try to make a decision on what to do and then bring to the membership during the May meeting.

Correspondence was read by the adjutant.

Commander Joe O said that the next County meeting will be held at our Post on Friday May 15th.

Our next Post meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th. On May 30th Department Commander Frank Peters Homecoming Dinner will be held at the Staaten. On June 10th the Wounded Warriors Dinner will be held at the Staaten.

With no further business to discuss the 50/50 was held and Gus LaRosa was the winner and also made a donation to the Post.

Closing prayers were read by the Commander, Taps were played and the flags were retired and the meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Post Adjutant

Lester Modelowitz