

Kells – Grennie American Legion
Post 316
Minutes for Meeting
April 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Post Commander Carmine Vacirca. Opening Prayers were read by the Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited by all in attendance.

Commander asked for the adjutant to take the roll call of all officers and committee chairman all present except for. Commander asked for reading of the minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting. The minutes were read and accepted by the members in attendance.

Post Reports

Membership: John gave a report on the members paid and there are 108 paid up. Carmine said he spoke with Max Rose and was trying to persuade him to become a member of our Post. John said the idea that was voted on at the last meeting for the Post to pay the dues of members who attend at least 7 meetings a year has been scrapped because National is raising the dues by \$5.00. John spoke about the sign that Lester made to recruit members and he said he placed it in six banks on Staten Island.

Corporation: Leo said that from now when a proposal comes up it will have to be presented at two consecutive meetings before being voted on. Leo said that one of our bank cd matured and the bank never sent it to the P.O. Box or to any of the three members that are associated with the banking business, they sent to the Church address three times. The bank automatically renewed the cd to a rate that was unacceptable, Leo went to the bank and after a discussion the rate was changed to a higher figure. Leo read the report on all the various accounts and said all incoming funds and outgoing donations and the balance as of tonight's meeting. He said we are again sponsoring the Little league team and the sunrise camp from the JCC for kids with cancer. We will also be donating to the Steven Siller Foundation for Homes for Heroes.

Americanism: The May 25th Flag event at Moravian Cemetery will begin at 8am and we are getting flags from the American Legion County, Northfield Bank and the Steven Siller Foundation and will putting out about 3000 flags. Leo said there will be volunteers from numerous organizations and businesses to help distribute the flags, Boy and Girls Scouts, Northfield Bank, Siller Foundation, schools, NYPD Explorers etc. Members please wear your legion caps and shirts. Final things will be decided at the May meeting which is a week before the event. Leo and Carmine spoke about possibly re-organizing going to the various New Dorp Monuments around Memorial Day and placing wreaths. There will be no meeting in July and the August meeting will be in the building to the left.

Service Officer: Joe Toronto reported the pentagon was going to merge the PX and the commissary. Joe also talked about a company called Vitra Health Care which veterans at the age of 18 -69 with problems like diabetes etc. and the VA will start the program on June 6th. Boys and Girls State: Bill Baumwoll reported that Council Chairman Frank Saladas is doing a great job and has 20 candidates signed up for Boys State. And we have two candidates and their applications are all completed. Bill also said that Diane Gerber will be giving us the names of the two students for Girls State. Carmine stated that we have no idea what the cost of the bus fare will be this year because of the change of the routes.

Newsletter: Bill said he would contact all committee chairman's for input.

Calendar: County meeting at Gold Star Post April 26, 2019 at 7pm.

Old Business: Lester spoke about the grant and the problems that had happened. For many years we thought our not for profit was a 501 c3 but it is actually a 501 c19 through American Legion National and the name is listed as American Legion Edmund Kells- Richard A. Grennie Post 316. Our Corporation name is listed as Kells-Grennie Memorial Building Association, Inc and our E 990 tax is listed just as American Legion. In order to follow through with the grant even in 2019 all the names must be listed as the same. This why the grant forms kept returning as incomplete because the names are all different.

New Business: Lester said he finally spoke to Ferdi who is now living at a Assisted Living Facility in Colts Neck NJ. Lester said that this year Ferdi will be a 60 year member and suggested to make him up a Certificate for his American Legion Service. And suggested we take a ride out to see him in June. Carmine suggested making a day trip to Philadelphia to visit the Four Chaplains Center

Election Nomination: Charlie said to let him if any member is interested in running for Office, please let him know because at the May meeting, we will hold our elections.

John Vivolo suggested that we consider ordering a new American Legion Flag and Table banner, because the ones we have now are beyond being able to clean.

With no further business to be discussed the meeting was closed with the reading of closing prayers, Tap were played, and the Flags were saluted and retired.

Respectfully
Post Adjutant
Lester Modelowitz

