

Kells- Grennie American Legion Post 316
Minutes for Meeting
May 20, 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. The minutes were read and accepted by all in attendance Allen Palazzo asked about the attire for the Memorial Day even after one correction the members will wear black Legion shirts instead of white.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Charlie said we will be meeting on Saturday May 25th, 7am to set up the hall for the breakfast before going out to place the flags. At 8am we will have breakfast with all the members and volunteers and then a ceremony. Members please wear your black Legion shirts and the Legion caps that were issued to all members. He said we expect about 100 plus volunteers to show up and hope to place about 3500 flags on the gravesites of veterans. Charlie said Congressman Rose might show up.

Boys and Girls State: Bill Baumwoll reported that are a total of 19 boys from Staten Island High Schools that will represent Richmond County. Bill said the cost for each student is \$350 for the school and \$140 for the bus. We are sponsoring two boys and the total cost for the Post will be \$980. The Girls State has already been paid and he and Carmine will meet the two candidates and a special meeting being run by the auxiliary at the Marine Corp League HQ. on June 2nd at 12 pm.

Membership: John Vivolo said we have 116 members paid up for this year, but a few have passed away, Carmine said that at the County meeting it was announced that the County as a whole the membership is down.

Corporation: Leo read the corporation report on all the accounts consisting of the business money market, Operating Fund, Membership, Post Treasurer, Non-Profit Checking, and the three certificates, but said there are two outstanding checks of \$980.00 for Boys State and \$500 for the Memorial Flag event. If any member would like to know more about the Post's funds please contact Leo. Leo said we received a \$1000.00 donation from Northfield Bank for the Memorial Day event.

Leo said he sent a donation to the Challenger Baseball Team which we sponsor every summer. He also said last year we sent a donation to the Kiwanis Club for the fishing trip for disabled veterans. Next month in June we will discuss it again and decide if we will do the same this year. The trip this year will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. We will also have to discuss next month if we will donate to the summer camp for children of veterans at Camp Drum. Leo

said this month we will send a donation for to Sunrise Kids with Cancer which is held at Mount Loretto, which is operated by the JCC. Lee said that the donation we received from North Field Bank will cover most of what we spent on special needs and for the Flag event for food and the certificates that Lester will print out for the September volunteer's night meeting. our cost will be around \$500 which is under our normal budget.

Post Treasury: Carmine gave his Post Treasury report which was also part of Leo's report.

Service Officer: Joe talked about a bill for veterans on Property taxes which is co-sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick and a separate bill for exceptions for severely injured veterans, and there will be a hearing in Albany on May 21st.

Carmine said he met the new Veterans benefits/Service Officer for Staten Island Anthony Tse He is located in 10 Richmond Terrace (Borough Hall) Room 313, Phone number (718) 447-8787 Tony.Tse@veterans.ny.gov. Carmine said he is going to invite him up to possibly our next meeting.

Calendar: June 22 the bus for Boy's State will be leaving from Mathews Funeral Home at 7:30 am Bill and Carmine will be seeing them off if anyone what like to participate just show up. On May 27th at 11 am at St. Claire's Church will have a Veteran ceremony for Memorial Day. Carmine said that Father Martine will be at our Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25th to offer a morning prayer. Carmine also said that Congressman Max Rose might attend the ceremony.

Bob Mahoney reported that the Richmond County Memorial Day Parade is Sunday, May 26th stepping off at 11 am from Hart Boulevard and Forest Avenue. There will be a bus available in the shopping center by CVS to take veterans up to the starting point. There will also be cars available to ride in for those that cannot walk. Please call Dennis McLoone about that 718-698-1976.

On June 9th the VVA will hold there Day of Remembrance for the Staten Islanders that were killed during the Vietnam War at 6:30 pm. The American Legion of Richmond County Convention will be held on June 21st at the Merrell Post beginning at 6:00 pm. On June 27th The Wounded Warriors Dinner at the Staaten beginning at 7 pm \$55 per person.

No Post meeting in July but the meeting in August will be in building to the left of this building. John said he is picking up all the food and supplies for the Flag ceremony on May 25th.

New Business: Scams!! Last week Leo said he received a phone call from someone that said they were holding his grandson hostage. Leo also said he also received a scam call from the Social Security. Carmine said to be aware that federal agencies do not call they only send out letters.

Leo said we need to purchase a new American Flag and a New American Legion Flag and a new Legion Banner.

Elections: Election Chairman Charles Goffredo asked for nominations for officers. With no new nominations the adjutant made a motion for one vote to leave the current slate of officers to remain in office. Commander Carmine Vacirca, VC William Baumwoll, VC Allen Palazzo, VC Gus Larosa, VC Leo Milham and one additional VC John Vivolo, Treasurer Carmine Vacirca. The rest of the Officers or Chairman are chosen by the Commander in office. Lester asked for a vote which was taken and supported by all in attendance.

County Convention:

Delegates for Convention: Leo Milham, Lester Modelowitz, Allen Palazzo, Carmine Vacirca, John Vivolo.

Alternate Delegates: William Baumwoll, Richard Burdge, Charles Goffredo, Gasper Larosa, Edgar Widlund.

Leo said make sure you sign the meeting book at each meeting.

With no further business to be discussed Carmine asked for all members to stand while the Chaplain read closing prayers. Taps were played and the flags were saluted and retired for the evening.

Respectfully Submitted
Lester Modelowitz
Post Adjutant