

Kells – Grennie American Legion Post No. 316
Minutes of Meeting for
November 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-Commander in the absence of Commander Joe Occhipinti. Opening prayers were read by Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald and then the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited by the membership. VC Bill Baumwoll asked for committee reports.

Adjutant Lester Modelowitz read the minutes from the last meeting and was accepted by the membership.

Post Treasurer Carmine Vacirca gave a detailed report on all funds and it was accepted by the membership. Membership Chairman Allen Palazzo was away so there were no membership reports.

Historian gave a report on the Post History project and said he added a large amount of information and it is also on the new Post 316 website and after the holidays will be adding more information.

He said that from 1919 until 1931 the Post operated without a Charter. In 1931 they received a Temporary Charter and in 1933 they received their permanent charter.

House Chairman David Currin gave a house report on the hall activities. He said that there were a few rentals of the hall for November and December.

Service and Welfare Chairman Joe Toronto reported that City Council Member Paul Vallone reported that there was a decrease in homeless male veterans but an increase in female veterans and he wants to try and correct that problem with new services.

Joe also mentioned that Governor Coumo vetoed the veterans by-back program for credits for city workers and is only available at this time during certain conflicts or wars, and said it would be a strain on current funds.

Joe also said that although it was vetoed by the Governor it had passed in legislation and at some time could be re-introduced.

Emery said that at the last wake that the members that attended was the largest turn out of Honor Guard and regular members that he had ever witnessed.

Leo Milham mentioned that the American Legion has dropped out of the Wounded Warriors Program and the reason is that they are starting their own program.

Leo also gave a report on the Memorial Building Fund (Corporation) He explained to the membership of funds that were spent on general monthly bills and funds that were taken in from January 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 were not really evening out. Leo also reported that the water bill has increased in the last three months and can't explain but was going to look into it further. Copies of his treasurers report were given out to members tonight.

New Business was talked about and members were told that the next meeting was on December 15th and the Post-Christmas party will be held.

Leo Milham made a motion for the Post to pay for the new Post website on a yearly basis, the motion was seconded and carried by the membership.

Lester also told the members that he donated a printer to the Post . Leo also mentioned that because the Post does not send out a newsletter anymore that we should send out a Post Card to all member and inform everyone that the newsletter is available online on the website or by email and if they do not have internet service they can request a copy be mailed to them, and if members do not respond we can say we tried.

Carmine said that he is having the food catered in from Taste of Italy. Bill asked for a proposal on how the food was going to be paid for, a suggestion was made for members to pay \$10 and his or guest attend for free. A motion was made for this and was carried by the members. The 50/50 was held and the winner was ? With no further business to be discussed the meeting was closed, closing prayers were read and taps were played and member Jack Devlin who had just passed away was remembered.