

November 12, 1954

The regular meeting of Kells-Greene Post #316 American Legion, Department of New York, was held at Post Hdqts., 2750 Amboy Road, Staten Island 6, New York on November 12, 1954. Com. Tietjen called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

#### ATTENDANCE

There were 11 members in attendance, including officers. Officers present were: Com Tietjen, Treas. Torgerson, past-commanders Rooney, Balbach and Somma.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the last regular meeting and the meeting of the executive committee were read and accepted

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman Leo Balbach reporting: Voted into membership was William Krippa. It was reported that with this new member, 11 new members were going in tonight (10 from the Executive Committee meeting) The chairman reported writing to the County Commander on the Post membership, stating that we have exceeded last year's total and that we are eligible for three awards. A copy of said letter was also sent to the County Membership Chairman. Paid up members to date totaler 287. Ten of the 49 members on which per-capita tax was paid had already paid before a letter was sent to them. To others a letter was being sent. A sample of letters is attached. Also read was a letter to the commander of the Wilshire Post conceding defeat in membership contest.

A certified list of membership was sent to Department Adjutant requesting special membership cards for the various lengths of continuous membership. A date is to be set in the future for a special meeting when these cards will be presented and also initiation of new members. (This is to be carried on under ~~xxxxxx~~ unfinished business.)

#### VETERANS DAY

Past-Commander Rooney reported on the Veterans Day, Flag Presentation ceremony at ~~Trinity Moravian Church~~ Trinity Moravian Church on Nov, 11. The flag was duly presented to Rev. Barletta who spoke on "Our Heritage". We were entertained at the service by the junior choir. The old flag had been retired for later disposal. The only draw-back was that there were not too many members and congregation present. However, it was something done for the community.

#### BOWLING

P.C. Rooney reporting: Early in for an accurate standing. The "B" team needs another regular bowler. The chairman asked for a volunteer. The bowling is done on handicap basis so no "expert" is needed.

#### BARN DANCE

In the absence of Vice-Commander Vastola, Adjutant Meacher reported that a letter had been sent to members along with tickets. There is to be a three-piece band and a square dance caller. Tickets are \$1.00

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Torgerson reported that the treasury had \$656.27 on hand.

#### SICK CALL

Visitation chairman had bent cards to all who are sick. It was urgently requested that when sick, or if you know of someone who is, to report it immediately so card can be sent.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



## NEW BUSINESS

Past-Commander Somma reported on the raffle conducted by the Associated Posts with headquarters in Jamaica. Through selling the chances, it is possible for both Post and County to make money. He is going to present it to the County and if they do not want to handle it we will do it on our own. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Commander Tietjen told of letter received from national headquarters regarding the double 5 club for men who get ten new or renewal members.

Membership chairman Balbach reported on new-member contest. Two teams will be selected from the membership roster (alternating alphabetically). At the close of the contest, the eligible winners will eat steak; eligible losers, beans. In addition, there will be individual prizes. To be eligible for meal, must bring in three members, either new or reinstated. The contest will close with the first meeting in February. All members who have already brought in new members will be credited. The chairman will set the venture into operation and prizes to be announced at next meeting.

Congratulations are to be extended to past-commander Ed. Currey on his election to State Senate. Adjutant to write him.

It was revealed that member Joseph McCormick died the Monday after his attendance at the Past-Commanders dinner.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letter was read requesting aid and funds for Hospital Visitation. This was tabled until report from Visitation Chairman.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

It was moved and passed to send usual \$5.00.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING.

P.C. Rooney moved to concur action of executive committee and pay per capita tax on 49 members. PASSED.

## GOOD OF THE LEGION

New member Col. Mary (ret) was introduced.

House chairman asked for help to put up storm windows and wash windows. Date set Nov. 20.

The meeting was adjourned in the memory of departed member Joseph McCormick.

These minutes are submitted subject to correction for errors and omissions.

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ADJUTANT