

Kells Grennie Post 316
Minutes for Meeting Held on March 20, 2017
At New Dorp Moravian Church

Meeting called to order by VC Bill Baumwoll at 7:30 pm. The flags were put in place by Sgt-at-Arms Gus Larosa and saluted by all members. Opening prayers were read by Leo Milham, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution were recited by the members.

Roll Call was taken all were present except Commander Joe Occhipinti and Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald who were excused.

VC Bill Baumwoll asked for the reading of the minutes from the February meeting. They were read and a motion was made by Ferdi Salvatore to accept and s
Them and was seconded by Gus Larosa and carried.

VC Bill Baumwoll introduced new member Maryann Larsen who transferred in from Post 1, served in the Air Force during the Korean War

Committees Reports:

Membership: Allen reported that we have another transfer by the name of Karen Larsen who was in the Air Force. Allen said our paid membership is at 140 which is about 80% of our goal.

Finance:

Post Treasury: Carmine started off saying this month we had a lot of expenses. He read the opening and closing balance for the past month If anyone would like to know the exact figures please contact Carmine

Boys State & Girls State: Bill said he spoke to Diane Gerber about the Girls chosen but we not know anything about them until after the summer. Bill said he has spoken to David Martin the County Boys State Chairman. But the candidates from the various High Schools are not known yet.

Newsletter: Bill said he has a draft of the newsletter that he said he sent out to some of the officers to view, He said when it is checked he will email out copies and have about 20 copies printed out for the next meeting to distribute.

Corporation Finances: Leo Report

Leo reported that the finance committee met. Leo out the figures as of April 6, 2016 after the sale of the building. The funds were set up in a few accounts, such as money markets, membership and Post Treasury. He told the member that were present the balance as of March 8, 2016 in all of the various corporation accounts. Leo said we spent around \$8000 for various expenses.

Leo said we have been very conservative with our spending our largest expenses have been the membership advertising in the church bulletin and the Valentine's day party.

Leo said we have anticipated a budget of about \$10,000 a year. Before moving our meeting to the church there was talk about possibly holding our meeting at a local diner that would have run about \$500 per month. The meeting at the Church cost \$75 and the collation after the meeting runs about \$130.

Leo also said that we use to split the 50/50 but now we have two winners each month, he also said financially right now the Post is in excellent shape, Leo said the finance committee suggested that for our monthly donations we should go from \$100 a month to \$200 a month but not to large organizations and will be brought up for motion under new business. Leo spoke about a little league team on the Island that is not a regular type of team. Its is called the Staten Island Challenger League made up of children with a wide range of disabilities, such as mental and physical disabilities. Leo said the sponsorship would consist of team shirts and a banner with the Post name on them at a cost of \$300.

Leo sad that the donation we were going to make last month is sponsored charity of Northfield Bank and would be ingenious to donate to them when they donate to the Post. The bank is also donating money to the Post for our Flag program on May 20th at Moravian Cemetery. We have pledged to put out 1000 flags on that day. The bank will be giving us \$500 towards the flags so it would be silly to donate money to them.

Leo said the people that attended the Valentine's day party had a good time but there were not many members that attended and most likely will not host an event like that again.

Leo said that any member that has a charity in mind that is on the Island bring attention to it at a meeting and we will add to a list.

Post Nominations: Leo said that our Post Treasurer is showing interest in running for Post Commander, but was concerned that some members would not like that if the same member could possibly be the Commander and the Treasurer. At this point know other member has volunteered to possibly take the position as treasurer. Carmine said he did not have a problem doing both. From this point on there were to many people talking at the same time and I could not decipher what was said., and was tabled until next month when we will hold nominations and elections.

New Business

Lester made a motion to amend the motion that was made to donate \$100 to the Sunrise Walk, was seconded by Gus and carried.

John made a motion to raise the monthly charity donation from \$100 to \$200, was seconded by Gus and carried,

John said we should try to donate to local small organizations that do need help.

John made a motion that we donate \$300 toward a sponsorship for the Staten Island Challenger Little League. Allen seconded the motion and it was carried.

Old Business: Lester said that last month we had spoken about starting a Law & Order Program to honor first responders on Staten Island. He said that if we go through the

Department there is a lot of paperwork and they make the final decisions on who gets picked. He said he will speak to the necessary people from Police, Firefighter and EMS during the summer and we will hold the program in September.

Lester also talked about the quest he committed to in getting march 29th Vietnam Veterans Day. In 2008 he was able to legislation in NY State for it. In 2009 he began working to get a national day of recognition. In 2011 he said he encountered two other Veterans one from Ohio and the other from Alaska. They worked together for the last six years and finally a bill was proposed and passed and was now waiting for the Full House to vote on it and pass it on to the President.

Service Officer: Joe Toronto reported that the VA wants to expand the choice program for veterans that live more than 40 miles from a VA facility. President Trump is all for this and is backed up by House Chairman of Veterans Affairs Phil Roe. Leo added that on Veterans Day November 11, 2017 all veterans will be allowed to purchase anything from the PX online only.

New Business: John said maybe we should think about getting baseball type caps for members using the advertising funds that we have, Carmine he will look into the pricing and report back at the next meeting.

Carmine reported that the Children and Youth breakfast is this Sunday and as far as he knew he, Bob Mahoney and Bill Baumwoll were attending.

Clearing Calendar: Bob Mahoney said that the next County meeting is on April 21 beginning at 7 pm at Gold Star Post.

Bob also told the members that he was selected by American Legion National HQ and will be inducted into the Legion Hall of Fame at the National Library in the next few months. Bill asked newly transferred member to come up and receive her Legion Pin.

50/50 was held

With no further business to be brought before the meeting Bill asked for the Chaplain to read closing prayers Tap were played and the flags were saluted and retired.

Respectfully Submitted
Adjutant
Lester Modelowitz

