

Kells – Grennie Post Minutes  
Meeting Held on October 17, 2016  
New Dorp Moravian Church

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice Commander William Baumwoll. The Flags and POW/MIA chairback were put in place by Sgt-at-Arms Gus Larosa and were saluted by the members in attendance. 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 and Commander Joe Occhipinti was absent. Bill asked for the reading of the last minutes and were read by the adjutant, VC Baumwoll asked for a motion to accept the minutes and Charlie Goffredo made a motion and was seconded by Gus Larosa and passed.

**Post Treasury Report** submitted by Carmine – There was no treasury report at the September because of guests in the building. Carmine gave the balance as of August. The Treasurers report was accepted by the members in attendance

**Corporation Treasury:** Leo said he gives a copy of the complete financial report to Carmine each month and a report to the membership on a quarterly basis. He gives a copy to the Commander and the Adjutant and places copies on the table for all members to read. Leo explained about all the accounts. Business Money Market, CD Account , Membership Account , Corporation Operating Fund, and Post Operation fund. Leo said we had expenditures for a lunch after the street renaming, also for the church rental for the County Political Forum which was returned by the County. Leo also said that the rent for our meetings is paid through December. Leo said that a finance committee had a meeting. During the meeting, operating procedures were discussed about a budget and how and what the Post will allow for members attending Legion functions. Lester gave out a list of all that was discussed. The Committee consisted as follows Chairman: Leo Milham, Co-Chairman Carmine Vacirca and committee members- Lester Modelowitz, Allen Palazzo, Charles Goffredo, William Baumwoll and John Vivolo. This operating procedure is available on the Post website. Leo talked about the confusion of who was authorized to be reimbursed when attending conventions. It had been discussed that members attending must share a room with another member. But as two members from our Post attended but one member went with his wife although she is a Legion member is not a member of our Post., so the Post ended up paying half towards two rooms, Leo said this will not happen again. If a member does share a room with another Post member, then they must pay for the room by themselves. The members will be reimbursed at the event but at the next following Post meeting. The rules announced were voted on and accepted by all members in attendance. All the rules discussed here tonight are available on the Post website and will be in the newsletter.

Membership: Allen reported that we have 87 paid members so far which is at 52% of our quota of 162. He said he picked up 2 transfers from Post 1 in Albany, He said he has a credit of \$435.00 with Legion

**Historian:** Lester said after the New Year he will get prices to get the history project made into an album.

Advertising: John Vivolo said we have \$520 left in the budget for advertising for membership. He was going to have place mats used in diners to advertise for the Post but decided not to. If someone has another idea they can bring it up at a future meeting.

Service Officer Report: Joe Toronto reported that the VA is extending the date for Gulf War Syndrome October 21, 2016 to December 31, 2016, but are trying to get it extended to 2021. Joe also talked about VA oncology patients that are taking certain drugs for cancers have an ongoing research program so they can monitor them, and they can call the VA for more information.

Leo mentioned the VA has a rasped program for homebound veterans, once they are registered a social worker from the VA will contact them and they will be picked up and taken to Seaview Nursing where the program is done and at the end of the day they will be brought back home. There is no cost to the Veteran or his family.

Leo also said flu shots are available at the VA Clinic from 1- 3 pm.

Donations: Leo mentioned that at the last County meeting a program that Danny Carruci's wife Elaine runs every year just before Christmas. She accepts donations to purchase gifts for veterans that are in nursing home on Staten Island. Leo said the bank that we now use for all accounts is Northfield Saving and they would like to get involved. Leo said he was going to call them tomorrow and speak to them. They would very much like to get involved. The amount is not known yet. The Post is also going to donate as we do every year.

Leo also said that Northfield also wants to help with our Flag program that we do just before Memorial Day at Moravian Cemetery and they also want to send personal from the bank to help us on the day we put out the flags. Leo said this past year we place 600 flags at Veterans gravesites, but Leo is going to ask for 400 more flags that the bank will supply on top of our usual 600. We will need more members and their children and grandchildren to help us on a Saturday in May 2017. If we get enough people we might rent the hall at Moravian for a collation after the event.

Leo said the County Sons of the Legion were running a spaghetti dinner and comedy show at the Merrell Post on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Leo made a motion that we donate \$50 toward the event and any members that would like to attend pay for themselves in advance. Each ticket is \$20 and at the Post November meeting the member will be reimbursed \$10. Carmine is collecting the money tonight.

Carmine told the membership about the Veterans event at the Old Bermuda in on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. He reserved a table for 10.

He also talked about an Atlantic Bus Trip but has nothing to do with the Legion just a friend get together, if you are interested see him after the meeting.

Leo said we need to talk about a Christmas Party do we want to have it at the Church or go to a restaurant. Think about and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Carmine talked about the Legion shirts he is ordering if you would like one see him after the meeting to him your size and if you want long or short sleeves.

Door prize drawing was held 1<sup>st</sup> winner Bill Knapp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Leo Milham.

American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony at Staten Island Mall November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 near center court elevator. Next County meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Memorial Mass at Fort Wadsworth Chapel on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

With no further business to discuss closing prayers were read and the Flags & the POW/MIA Chair were retired and taps were played.

Respectfully Submitted

Adjutant

Lester Modelowitz