

Kells – Grennie American Legion Post 316  
Minutes for meeting held on March 19, 2018  
At New Dorp Moravian Church

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Commander Carmine Vacirca. The Commander called on upon the Sgt-at-Arms Gus LaRosa for the presentation of the Flags and a hand salute was given by the members in attendance.

The POW/MIA Chair was also put in place. Opening prayers were read by VC William Baumwoll. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution was recited by the membership.

The Commander asked for the roll call of Officers and Committee Chairman's all were present except Chaplain Joe Occhipinti.

A motion was made by Charlie to stop regular business and listed to a guest speaker. John Vivolo seconded the motion.

The membership listed to guest speaker George Tabeek from bureau of Government affairs Fire Safety. He spoke on different type of fire safety in our home. He was well received and gave items to all the members.

**Regular Business:**

Commander asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The Adjutant asked to forgo the minutes from the January meeting and to accept them as already read.

The minutes from February meeting were read and a motion was made by Richard Burdge and seconded by Charles Goffredo to accept them and it was carried.

**Committee Reports**

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**Boys and Girls State:** Bill reported that Carmine sent out two checks to Diane Gerber to sponsor two Girls. Lester said he spoke with County VC David Martin and he about 13 boys from a few schools that have sent in their applications but still need a few more. Lester sent he spoke with Office Derek Brown and was told that he dropped about 18 applications at Wagner HS. Leo said he contacted the Kiwanis club about Boys State.

Children & Youth: Carmine said he will be collecting the money for the breakfast this week. The fee \$48 a person and the Post will pay half \$24. Bob Mahoney said only two Post have responded and the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Carmine spoke about the volunteer breakfast that he Bill and Joe attended and said the way it was set up was terrible. There were many empty tables. The breakfast was sponsored by project hospitality, bank of America and USIVO to try and get volunteers to help with homeless veterans and others and to try and get food drives

**Membership:** Allen said the paid membership is at 128 paid which is about 78% of quota.

**Corporation:** Leo read out all the information on all the corporation accounts. If you would like additional info contact Leo.

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**Service Officer:** Joe Toronto talked a problem mostly for veterans that served in the middle east during desert storm and after in Iraq and Afghanistan that were close burn pit areas where waste material was destroyed and also after 911 can contact the VA Airborne Hazards and open Pit registry to document their possible exposures. Joe also spoke about veterans that take psychotropic medications and the VA is instituting programs to get them off these types of medications because that can cause long term problem,

Leo said the VA started a new program for Shingles vaccines. The original vaccine that was used was a live virus. The new version is not a live virus and for Veterans over 50 that receive two shots about two to six months apart.

**Clearing the Calendar:** Bob Mahoney reported the next County meeting will be at the Gold Star Post on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Carmine read a letter from the County Commander that Frank LaMarsh is running for the Office of Department Commander for the years 2020 – 2021. There will be several funds raises for this. The first one will be at Nona's House Restaurant on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 – 6 pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required for this event please contact Tony Pergola, Joe Cammarata or Dennis McLoone.

Carmine said the Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration presented by Senator Lanza and Assemblyman Titone is on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Tottenville H.S.

May 19<sup>th</sup> we will place flags at Moravian Cemetery at 9am.

**Charities:** John Vivolo suggested we send a donation to the Goodhue Center Carmine said he will investigate it.

### **Door Prize:**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. After closing prayers and TAPS were played and the flag was saluted and retired.

Respectfully Submitted  
Adjutant Lester Modelowitz