

OCTOBER 8, 1954

The regular meeting of the Kells-Grennie Post American Legion, Department of New York, was held on October 8 at Post Headquarters, Amboy Road, Staten Island 6, New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Commander Tietjen.

ATTENDANCE

There were 11 members including officers. Officers present were: Com. Tietjen, Vice-Com. Vastola and Past-Comdrs. Rooney, Balbach, Miller and Somma.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Leo Balbach reported. New members voted into the Post were as follows: John M. Ruffalo, Frank Pace, Joseph Pace, Seth S. Pace. Chairman Balbach reported that 166 paid-up members were now on the books. This was a good percentage to date, but better results must be achieved to better the Post in California.

Posted on the bulletin board was a list of the names of members not paid up as yet so friends could contact them.

There will be an individual contest for membership for 55. Plans to be given out later. Those members not yet paid up have received a second notice.

BASEBALL POPULARITY CONTEST

Past-Com Lou Somma, chairman of the baseball popularity contest reported a net profit of \$562 for the year 1954. A rising vote of thanks was tendered ~~for~~ in appreciation for his hard work.

DONKEY BASEBALL

Vice-Com. Lou Vastola reported that he had received \$24 from George Dillon, the gentleman who owns the donkeys we were to have hired for the baseball game. The money was turned over the treasurer.

FAMILY PICNIC

V-C. Vastola reporting on the Family Picnic held Sept. 26 turned over to the Post a net profit of \$14.65 plus $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel of beer.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Past Comdrs. Rooney and Balbach spoke on the presentation of a flag and Veterans' Day service to be held at Trinity Moravian Church, New Dorp on November 11.

VOLUNTARY FUND COMMITTEE

The voluntary fund has jumped from \$53 to \$68. The Chairman will use this fund to purchase a hospital bed and collapsible wheel chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A short report was given. It was brought out that a check was not sent to Joe Ripley; Treasurer Torgerson said a check would be sent.

BOWLING

Chairman Rooney said that the B team needed a man.

SICK AND WELFARE

Past-Com. Balbach reported that Carl Ianturo is still in the hospital; Joe Pace is in Orange V.A. Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMANDERS DINNER. Com. Tietjen reported for Joe Miller that the dinner tickets were ready. P-Com Miller said that the dinner would be buffet at \$2.00 per person. John Krieder will be in charge of tickets plus all past commanders.

Com. Tietjen was voted to represent Kells-Grennie Post at the Marine Corp Detachment Ball Nov. 6 with color guard and Post colors.

A motion was made and passed to table the Babe Ruth Baseball League sponsorship of team.

It was moved and passed to adjourn.

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

L. Vastola--Vice-Commander

Wm. Meschem Adjutant