

Kells Grennie Post 316  
Minutes for Meeting Held on December 19, 2016  
At New Dorp Moravian Church

The meeting was called to order by VC William Baumwoll at 7:30 pm. The Flags were put in place by Sgt-at-Arms Gus Larosa. Opening prayers were read by Leo Milham. The Pledge of allegiance and the preamble to the constitution were recited by the members in attendance. Bill asked for the roll call of officers. Commander Joe Occhipinti and Judge Advocate were excused and Chaplain Dennis Rosenwald was absent all other were in attendance.

Bill asked for the reading of the minutes from the November meeting. The minutes were read and one correction was noted about the Service Officer report, motion made by Charlie and seconded by Carmine and carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Allen said as of tonight's meeting we have 129 paid and we are about 75% of our goal. He also said he was going to transfer funds from the membership account into the Post treasury account.

**Post Treasury:** Carmine read the balance from Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. and came the up to date balance after expenditures consisting of a donation to SI Meals on Wheels. If any member would like to know the exact amount please contact Carmine.

**Americanism:** Charlie said that Northfield Bank is making progress on purchasing flags for next year's Memorial Day week event at Moravian Cemetery and having bank personal also with help in putting the flags out.

**Service Officer:** Joe Toronto reported that veteran exemptions from the City has been held up in committee. There was an outing by city hall where veterans from various veteran's organizations could speak on the Veteran School Tax.

**Corporation:** Leo talked about the memos we are getting from the NYC Department of Finance to file our not for profit exemption on line. Lester said+ he filed it but they kept on sending more email to file but finally after numerous calls the case was finally closed as of December 19<sup>th</sup>. The city was trying to locate Robert Reynolds who is the person that purchased the building.

Leo read out the figures as of December 18<sup>th</sup> of our Business Money Market, the Operating fund and the two CD's that we have. He said the reason we took out these to CD's because the interest rate was more attractive than just leaving the funds in a regular bank account. Leo talked investing in different types of plans but right now with the market going up and down he felt best to leave them as is. Leo said he has a breakdown from the bank with all the accounts and if anyone

would like to look it over it is on the table. He gives a copy to the Commander and the Adjutant. Leo said the way the accounts are set up the Corporation and Post Treasurer and the membership chairman have access to all the accounts. Leo said he was advised to wait until a few months after the presidential inauguration to think about investing in other markets.

Leo said we must think about how much money we want to transfer from the Corporation account into the Post treasury, because we have a few expenses coming up soon.

We also said that every meeting we decided to donate up to \$100 to a needy organization. Leo said we have ordered new shirts for members, we have also spent funds on advertising to attract new members. Leo said he is making a motion that the corporation donate \$4000 to the Post treasury for needed operating funds for a period from January thru June.

The motion was to transfer funds from the membership fund and from the Corporation fund into the Post Treasury was made by Charlie and seconded by Gus and carried. Leo said he paid Moravian the balance owed for the rent of the hall for our meetings through June 2017. Leo said in July he will give them the balance for the rest of the year in July to carry us through December.

And, paid them for the Valentine's Day party for February. Leo said the only others payment that he must make is for the Post phone and PO Box.

### **Old Business**

Bill talked about the possibility of going back to a mail out newsletter. To get the Post office bulk, rate a minimal amount of copies for the rate is 200. The best thing to do is said it regular mail being we might only send it our 2 times a year. This way we do not have to pay monthly for bulk rate. Bill said he would research it and discuss it at the next meeting.

Leo said he went to the wake for Tommy Simonetti. He said the family of Tommy did not pay his dues for the past few years, but because Tommy was such an active member for so many years he gave the family a grave marker and a flag. He said Tommy was buried at Moravian Cemetery.

John talked about the upcoming Valentine's day party. He said Lester printed out a copy of the flyer and letter that he will mail out after New Year's Day. Charlie is co-chairing the committee and will be contacting a food vendor after February 1<sup>st</sup> and we know how many people will be attending. Charlie said let try to fill the hall up.

John said we promised that every meeting we were going to donate up to \$100 to a needy organization. Bill asked about St Jude's but it was said that we will not

give to religious organizations. Lester said he looked online and suggested this month we donate to American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors. Leo said he was going to contact the Kuwanis Club and try to do something with or for them. And said there are four clubs. Leo also said every Christmas he goes to Fort Dix and donates a few hundred dollars of toys for children of men and women presently serving and it is something we can think about as a type of donation from our Post. Leo also talked about other organizations that do helpful things like this like the Marine Corps League. He said we should plan months ahead of time. This month we will donate \$100 to the American Legion Comfort Warriors program.

Door Prize winners – David and Frank

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 8:50 pm closing prayers were read; Tap were played and the Flags were retired.

Respectfully Submitted

Adjutant

Lester Modelowitz