

MINUTES OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 759 (Chatham, IL)

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DATE: 2 March 2015

APPROVED BY: *DAVE ROGERS, COMMANDER* POST NO. 759 DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Following the formal opening ceremonies roll call of officers found that all were either present or accounted for.

Ron Richardson, Chatham VFW Commander was recognized as being in attendance.

The minutes of the January 2015 meeting was read by the Adjutant. A motion was made by Charlie Palazzolo & 2nd by Joe Gragg to accept as read without addition or correction. Passed.

The Finance Officer gave an abbreviated report due to computer problems. A fish fry financial report was given in its stead. A motion was made by Joe Gragg & 2nd my John Haines to accept as given. Passed.

Committee Reports

Building Committee report

- Bids for the electrical upgrade have been received. All 3 were fairly close in dollar amount. The Building Committee voted to accept B&B Elect to perform the work. Their bid was below the \$2000 authorized for the Committee to spend. Work is in progress and should be completed in a couple more days.
- The committee also voted that 5% of the gross income for all functions at the Post (for profit and not for profit) will be placed in a special building fund for any future upgrades or repairs.
- It was determined by the committee that an additional 50 gallon hot water heater hooded in tandem would be added to the existing hot water heater. If was brought about due to the fact that during the fish fries and such we run out of hot water before the event is over.

SAL – No report

Riders – the ride dates have been set for 2015. One will be to the Danville Vet's Home.

AUX – a membership table will be set up at all of the rest of the fish fries for Legion, SAL Riders, & Aux.

Service Officer – Nothing to report

Old Business – None

New Business

- 22 March the Italian/American Veterans sill hold a sausage & pancake breakfast at the KC on Meadowbrook
- 30 May the Legion Riders will have a mostacholli and meatball dinner at the Post.

Good of the Post

- The 21st Dist meeting will be in Carlinville 8 March
- Last month John Schroder PUFL member of Post 759 sent us a \$5000 check. As a thank you the Commander obtained an Eagle trophy with an inscription that was sent to Mr. Schroder. Well...lo and behold we have just received another check this one in the amount of \$10,000. We are having a hard time keeping up with the thank you gifts, but it is felt that a nice Legion jacket with his name and Post number would be a good gift.

- Otto Fafoglia will be the Post's representative for an upcoming meeting with the new school district superintendent as to what local organizations are looking for out of the new administration.
- The Chatham Library is looking for monetary donations to help support their summer reading program. A motion was made by Les Morgan & 2nd by Charlie Palazzolo to donate \$100. Passed.
- Les Morgan, a member of the Veteran's Memorial on the Square 15th anniversary committee spoke to the membership. The committee is comprised of members of both the Chatham VFW and American Legion. He reported that the committee in conjunction with the anniversary observance would like to replace the existing mulch paths with concrete walks that would also be handicapped accessible. Much discussion ensued as to how and what amount Post 759 would contribute to this project. Finally a motion was made by Rick Schmitgen & 2nd by Greg Harris that a "portion" of the proceeds from the Good Friday Lent Fish Fry will be used as Post 759's support contribution. The amount will be determined after the end of fish frys. Motion passed with one (1) dissenting vote.

Thank you to Greg Harris for the March corned beef and cabbage dinner.

This month's raffle (\$22) was won by Roy Borg.