

# MINUTES OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 759 (Chatham, IL)

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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.

21<sup>st</sup> Dist Comm. James Peters and 21<sup>st</sup> Dist Jr Vice Comm. Mike Vance were introduced to the membership. Logan Blumberg of Troop 310 was recognized for this attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Noah Fons of Troop 48 presented \$100 that they raised for the Wounded Warrior Project. Scout master Gary Weedman of Troop 48 was presented a check for their help with clean up of the '15 Homecoming

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Joe Gragg & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Palazzolo to accept as read without addition or correction – Passed.

The Finance Officer gave his report (see attached). A motion was made by Joe Gragg & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Kulivac to accept the report as given. Passed

The Service Officer gave a presentation and report on items of veteran's interest.

## Committee Reports

Homecoming – meetings will begin in mid January 2016

Christmas Party – arrangements are being made and a letter will be sent out in mid November

Fish Fry – No report

Building – the cracks in the parking lot are being arranged to be filled before winter

SAL – No report

Riders – the rider's by laws and officers have been reviewed and approved by the Post Executive Board. \$3576.47 was made from the latest Hog Roast. The building fund's 5% is forthcoming.

AUX – With the passing of Lana Benedict a new President will be elected at their next meeting.

Vet's Assistance – Next meeting will be 21 Oct.

Old Business – Mary Kulivac spoke to the membership on the progress of the Lana Benedict fund raiser.

New Business - 21<sup>st</sup> Dist Comm Peters gave a presentation of the raise of the per capita from \$26 to \$31.

- Commander Rogers spoke to the membership on the need to raise the Post dues so as to offset the increased per capita increase. Les Morgan made a motion to raise the dues to \$35 & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Chott. After much discussion Ron Otken made an amended motion to raise the dues to \$40 & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Iris Kirschner. With 11 yes and 18 no the amended motion failed. Then a vote was taken for the original motion to raise the dues to \$35. That motion passed with no decanting votes.
- Commander Rogers presented to the membership a question to continue the Post ad on the new upcoming map. The cost would be \$375 for 2 years. After much discussion a motion was made by Dan Bedell & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Palazzolo to purchase a smaller ad for \$225. Passed

## Good of the Post

- Post 759 has been recognized and awarded the Chamber Non Profit member of the year
- A thank you letter was read from the Roanoke Legion Post for our donation to them after their flood

- A thank you card was read from Chatham Power works with a \$100 donation to the Post
- A request was read from the Order of the Purple Heart for a donation to help construct a monument at Oak Ridge Cemetery. A motion was made by Greg Harris & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Kulivac to table the request at this time and to be considered after the first of the year. Passed
- Past Commander Joe Davis was recognized. This is his last meeting prior to moving to GA.
- A motion was made by Greg Harris & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Les Morgan to donate \$50 for the purchase of small American flags to be given out to the spectators of the Veteran's Day Parade in Springfield. Passed with one (1) decanting vote.
- This months raffle drawing of \$28 was won by Jeff Palmisano to donate it back to offset a portion of the donation of the small American flags.