

AMERICAN LEGION POST 211 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 5th, 2025 - Room secured at 1713 hrs.

Colors- presented by Sgt. At Arms Vandevender

Opening prayer- conducted by Gary Garner

Moment of silence- for POW/MIAs

Pledge of allegiance- Led by Commander

American Legion Preamble- Led by Commander

Roll Call of Officers; Present- All present

Absent- [Mike Pippin]

Minutes - Motion by Trustee Karpy to wave the reading the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Service Officer Smith. Motion passed.

Treasures report- by Commander. During report, discussion about cost to rent hall, (member \$100; non-member \$400) questions were answered.

Sick Call report- by Chaplin Garner. Rick Rada, Udovich, Miraldi (SAL)

Guests/New Members – None

Communications and Membership- reported by 1st Vice: Membership at is 636, quota is 739 so we are at 68%. Six potential members was voted on and passed. (Cox, Goodwin, Bazinski, Feichtner, Memmer and Foster.) Thank you notes from VA Wade Park and OVH Sandusky for donations. New donations were made to Gift for yanks (10k), Girl Scouts (1K), Guitars for Vets (5k), Vietnam Veterans #15 (3k), Kids in Flight (\$2,500), Cast it Forward, donation tabled by committee to further investigate by Chaplain Garner. Discussion by Chaplain Garner on female Valor Home. Donation to Walleye for Wounded Heroes (\$500). Motion made to donate Cub Scout Pack 159)\$1,500). No discussion, motion passed.

Elections – 1st Vice notified attendees that nominations were now open (through end of March meeting). All position job titles read by Adjutant. Nominations for Commander: Len Lieber (only if no one else steps up); First Vice: Joseph Rada; Second Vice: Mike Cannole; Adjutant: open; Finance Officer: open; Post Historian; open: Chaplin: Gary Garner; Sgt. At Arms: Chuck Vandevender; Service Officer: Will Smith; Trustees: Ken Karpy, Steve Manger; Jim Votruba. Thomas Vinti requested rereading of historian duties after which Thomas Vinti nominated himself. Nominations to be asked for again at the March meeting, after which nominations will be closed at the end of the meeting. Elections will then be in April, and the swearing in in May.

Honor Guard Report- by Treasurer Chuck Williams. Spoke on upcoming ALHS fund- raiser Harlem Wizards (Basket Ball Team). They will be providing honor guard. Adjutant and Auxiliary President Wendy Walker trying to find WWII and Korean vets to be recognized.

Scholarship Committee: Given by Chuck Williams. Applications coming out soon. We will be giving 4 scholarships out (capped at 32k)

Service officer report- Service Officer Smith passed out Federal Benefits booklet and talked about benefits having been raised.

Legislative report: Trustee Karpy spoke about Post 211 Hosting a speaker on February 27th, flier posted in canteen; Trustee Karpy spoke on meals for vets, homestead exemption on state level; and discussed HB 123 (Flag).

Building Committee report: by Trustee Votruba. Discussion on fire alarm systems installations (done by next week) and getting of our hall permits. Also discussed work that was done in the kitchen. Much discussion on Big M Pizza (our new kitchen food restaurant) Discussed the post's new maintenance program.

Grant Committee: putting in grant to get electric door for hall entrance and back hall. Quote from Cleveland Electric Door only good for two weeks. Co-committee with 211 Auxiliary.

Old Business: Chaplain spoke on information he received that if we could name post after departed member, we could get more grants. Much discussion on same. Ernie Monticello's name was mentioned. Adjutant asked Chaplain to get further information. Also discussed women's valor home and we can donate directly to the home itself.

New Business: Trustee Karpy discussed "Post everlasting" ceremony. Commander spoke on our new display museum in the hall and that it will be a rotating event.

Good of the order: Auxiliary President thanked everyone for night at the races and that they will be having a ham raffle. Discussion by Adjutant on red shirts being sold by the bar. Trustee Votruba advised all canteen employees were given a shirt and will be wearing them on Fridays. Much discussion on salting of the parking lot.

Final Prayer: by Chaplain Garner

Retirement of Colors- by Sgt. At Arms Vandevender.

Meeting adjourned by Commander at 2015 Hrs.

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211 Adjutant