

**James Harvey Spire  
Post 787  
Cicero, NY**



**General Membership Meeting: February 15, 2018**

Commander Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 19 members in attendance.

**Officers in Attendance:** Commander Porter; 1st Vice Dauer; 2nd Vice Solito; 3rd Vice McCrum; Sgt-at-Arms Vergith; Adjutant Auchterlonie; Finance Officer Keegan; Historian Puettnier; Service Officer Terry; Chaplain Heidenreich; Trustees Reynolds, Sanford & Yanchik,

Adjutant Auchterlonie read the minutes of the January GM meeting. Motion to accept as read by Mr. McCrum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Sanford ...Passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Keegan read the finance report showing [REDACTED] in all accounts. Motion made to accept as read subject to audit by Mr. Sollitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Yanchik ....Passed

**Membership:** Mr. Auchterlonie reported the Post's current membership as reported by National was 701 for 99.8%. An additional 20 have been submitted and not yet recorded bringing us to 103%. He also informed the membership that NY would be the next State to upgrade the Post's membership submission process to online instead of mailing through the Post Office. This should help eliminate members getting overdue notices weeks after they have paid their dues.

**Sick Call & Relief:** Chaplain Heidenreich reported the death of 8 year member Gerald Galpin

**Rehabilitation & Service:** Service Officer Terry provided literature for members on the following topics: "My Health Vet" (about your VA personal health record), "Geriatrics and Extended Care Programs" (from VA Healthcare Network), "Institute for Caregivers" (from Onondaga County Office of Aging and the Alzheimer's Association) and "NY Connects, Your Link to Long Term Services and Supports" (from Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Care Services).

**Community Service:** Mr. Yanchik announced he would be setting up a table at the upcoming RV show at the Fairgrounds. Volunteer help is needed.

**Public Relations:** Mr. Sanford reported that Mr. Pierson, Mr. Terry and Mr. Hotaling have volunteered to assist him on this committee and he is looking to make this the "Face of the American Legion" for Onondaga County. He also informed the membership that he had started a Post Facebook page...still a work in progress...but gaining interest. Mr. Sanford also stated that the March Newsletter would be a mailed edition.

**Unfinished Business:** Regarding the Post Incorporation, Commander Porter said he had been trying to contact a new lawyer, Brian Lauri, the 174<sup>th</sup> JAG Officer and a 26 year member of our Post for assistance.

The the ladies room renovation has been completed

Mr. Townsend asked if we had received any information on the cost of periodically having the kitchen professionally cleaned. The commander said he would get some quotes.

There is still no update on the acquisition of a tank for static display. Mr. Vergith said he had some contacts at Ft. Drum he would touch base with.

Mr. McCrum had no update on the dart machines we are looking to get for the lounge.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a shuffleboard table. Mr. Auchterlonie made a motion to authorize up to \$5500 for the purchase of new 22' table. This should cover delivery and setup. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Puettner...passed

**Donations:** Mr. Puettner announced we made a \$300 donation to St. Judes Children's Hospital. He had a request from the N. Syracuse Pre K Early Education Program. A motion was made by Mr. Sollitto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Yanchik to donate 10 fish dinner certificates for them to raffle off. Passed. Mr. Sanford made a motion to donate \$500 to Kid Cancer at the Galasano Children's Hospital. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Solitto. Passed  
Membership was informed we had received a \$1000 donation from the helby Mustang Club.

**New Business:** Membership was informed that the Color Guard has voted to no longer participate in Legion functions other than ceremonial functions. Mr. Dauer said he has been speaking with Mr. Plato about the issue. The Color Guard usually covers the BINGO food service if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and the Department Junior Shooting tournament this coming weekend. The Sons and the Auxiliary as well as Mr. Pierson and Ms. Heidenreick have volunteered to cover the tournament.

The maintenance contract with Cummings on our generator is ending. The annual inspection has been completed but the full service is scheduled for July. Mr. Sanford made a motion to continue using Cummings for one more year as we look for possible other options. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Solitto...passed

Mr. Auchterlone made a motion to remove the ban on showing the NFL on Post TVs since the season was over. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Puettner...passed.

Ms. Heidenreich said she has received an offer from the Syracuse Crunch for a group rate on tickets for a game in March. She will check on exactly what the prices are and report back.

**Good of the Legion:** Mr. Sollitto said he had spoken with Past Commander Pat Kearney. Her health was improving and she might be back in the area in May.

Mr. Auchterlonie spoke on the upcoming May Elections for Post Officers. Anyone wishing to run for office must be nominated at either the March or April membership meeting. Candidates may put a note in the membership box at the Legion with their name, phone number and position they wish to run for. At the March meeting, Mr. Auchterlonie will announce and nominate those names that have been submitted. Members may also be nominated from the floor at both March and April meetings. Nominations will not be accepted following the April membership meeting.

The St. Patrick's s parade is Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Those marching should meet at the Post at 8:30.

Ms. Reynolds asked for additional volunteers for the Friday Fish dinners as Lent is a very busy season.

The annual Polar Bear Horseshoe tournament is Saturday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and will also include a pig roast.

The annual chili cook-off is Sunday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Information for the American Legion Bowling Tournament is posted on the bulletin board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Butch Auchterlonie  
Adjutant