

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



General Membership Meeting: April 19, 2018

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

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

Adjutant Auchterlonie read the minutes of the March GM meeting. Motion to accept as read by Ms. Reynolds, 2nd by Mr. Yanckik...passed

Finance Report: Finance Officer Keegan read the finance report showing [REDACTED] in all accounts. \$28,342.00 was paid out for the parking lot repairs. Motion made to accept as read subject to audit by Mr. Natali, 2nd by Mr. Yanchik...passed

Membership: Mr. Auchterlonie reported the Post's current membership is 727 for 103.5%. The Sons and Auxiliary are also both over 100%.

Officer Nominations: Mr. Auchterlonie nominated the following individuals who had informed him they wished to run for elected office within the Post for the 2018/2019 year:

Dave Keegan and Dave Plato for Finance Officer. Commander Porter reported that Mr. Plato had contacted him to remove his name for nomination for the Finance Officer position.
Chris Simpson for Sgt-at Arms

Mr. Auchterlonie then queried the members in attendance on each position to see if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none and nominations were closed. The final slate of officer nominations to be voted on at the May General Membership meeting is:

Commander: Lyle Porter
1st Vice Commander: Bruce Dauer
2nd Vice Commander: Sam Sollitto
3rd Vice Commander: Rich McCrum
Adjutant: Butch Auchterlonie
Finance Officer: Dave Keegan
Sgt-At-Arms: Robert Vergith, Chris Simpson
Chaplain: Heidi Heidenreich
Service Officer: John Terry
Historian: Frank Puettner
Trustees (3): James Taylor, Brian Sanford, Jean Reynolds, Al Yanchik

Sick Call & Relief: 1st Vice Bruce Dauer's has father passed away and 2nd Vice Sollitto has pneumonia.

Rehabilitation & Service: No Report

Community Service: Mr. Yanchik said new hats for the clamfest volunteers have been ordered.

Public Relations: Mr. Sanford reported the Newsletter would go out next week and submissions were due. He also said the committee had met and was discussing ways to best advertise the Post and the American Legion. They may be looking for additional members to be able to split up the contacting of the different media outlets.

Color Guard: No report

Unfinished Business: The shuffleboard table is scheduled for delivery next week.

Commander Porter updated the membership on the status of the requested access road by Syracuse Realty. He said the proposed development is for 196 condo units. They have made a very low offer of a stipend for us giving up the land. He has met with Mr. Brian Lauri, a lawyer and member of the Post, who has agreed to work with the Post in this matter. Mr. Lauri will be writing to the Syracuse Realty group concerning the road.

Mr. Porter also said that Mr. Lauri will also be working to get our Incorporation straightened out. The business portion of the Post, bar, backroom, pavilion etc. will be incorporated separately from the American Legion.

Mr. Vergith said he has word our tank has been approved. We now need to know what kind of tank so the pad can be completed.

Mr. Auchterlonie reported that there are five Boys State representatives, four from CNS and one from Liverpool. The Sons will be sponsoring one of them. Mr. Porter said the Color Guard was also sponsoring an additional boy they got through the County.

New Business: The annual spring cleanup around the Post is scheduled for May 12th at 9:00 am. All volunteers are welcome.

Mr. Pierson said the State Fair is looking for veterans groups to run food concessions on Veterans Day.

Commander Porter announced he would be attending the American Legion Convention in Rochester and requested \$116 for the event. Motion by Mr. Auchterlonie to approve the funds, 2nd by Mr. Taylor...passed

Mr. Puettner brought up a donation request from Cub Scout Pack 117 to help fund their charter. Motion by Mr. Auchterlonie to donate \$500, 2nd by Ms. Reynolds...passed.

J&J Tours is offering the Post members a discount to attend the NY Yankee game on May 5th. \$80

Mr. Auchterlonie informed the members that a survey form was being sent to folks who utilized our facilities. The first one had been returned with the highest possible approval marks.

Good of the Legion: Commander Porter said the Post would be hosting the Onondaga County meeting in September.

Mr. Auchterlonie reported the annual ClamFest would be on June 23rd. He and Mr. Keegan are pricing out clams. We will be using real Littlenecks for the raw clams...no hybrids.

Mr. Vergith said the Riders would be holding their monthly bake sale on May20th. He also announced the "Blessing of the Bikes" would be at Believer's Chapel on May 5th at 1:30.

Mr. Pierson announced that Les Crossett was running for Vice Commander for the 5th & 6th Districts and was looking for votes. He also said the East Syracuse Post was scheduling a dart tournament fundraiser or Clearpath.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Butch Auchterlonie
Adjutant