



MINUTES OF

Post No. 1111, Department of Michigan

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Date: June 15th, 2020 **Time:** Convened _7:05_ p.m. Adjourned _7:40_ p.m.

Attendance: Officers: _8_ Members: _5_ Guests: _4_ **Total: 14**

Complied by: Jill Gentry, Secretary Approved by: Jena Wilmers, Commander

Commander Wilmers opened the meeting as prescribed by the Officer's Guide.

Roll Call of Officers: showed _8_ officers present and 11 members for a quorum.

Guests: Kent County Commissioner Stan Stek came and presented Post 1111 with the proceeds (\$710) from a fundraiser he held for the post over Memorial Day weekend.

Adjutant Aaron Williams introduced potential member Jake Watoski for a transfer of membership. A Motion was made by Jesus Sanabria and 2nd by Historian Jill Gentry motion carried. Members Samantha and Jake were then given their membership pins during the membership pinning ceremony. Membership is currently at 27 and adding in the new member voted on tonight makes 28 total members.

Meeting Minutes: No report

Officer Reports

Finance Officer - reviewed the profit and loss statement for the Post. Those who spend money out of their pockets are requested to make sure the receipt gets to the Finance officer so he can tally them up for donation deductions at the end of the year.

Sr. Vice - No Report

Jr. Vice - No Report

Service - Officer No Report

Historian - No Report

Chaplain -

Committee Reports -

Training Committee committee chair, Chad Winkle, reported the committee did not meet last month due to the pandemic and has a meeting scheduled for July 14th.

Veteran Support committee chair reported the committee has been busy even during the pandemic. In March we assisted five veterans, April three veterans, and May six veterans. We assisted two with help attaining apartments, 6 with referrals to other organizations, one with groceries, and six to service officers for health care.

Fundraising Committee chair Rich Jennings reported that there was a great turn out for the soda and pop can returns. The committee is looking into how to redeem all of the cans. Bets would be taken on how much we have in returns and the person closest will win a shirt and a case of soda or beer of their choice. A fundraiser for an idea for a jail and bail type of fundraiser is benign looked at and Catherine is still finishing up a table to be raffled off as well.

Commander Wilmers passed out soda can certificates of appreciation to all those who helped in the can and bottle drive fundraiser.

Sick Call and Relief: Chaplain Jesus reported there was no sick call to report. A moment of silence was held for the POW's and all of those who have lost their battle with COVID-19.

Unfinished business* NONE

New Business & Correspondence* NONE

The Good of The American Legion*

- A suggestion to change the goals we had set for 2020 to 2021. The discussion was held amongst the membership. The consensus was to see where we were at in October/November when Post 1111 has their strategic planning meetings.
- There is a good possibility the City of Walker may consider canceling the Pumpkin bash and the Winterfest.
- The Grandville/Jenison chamber would still like to send shoeboxes for troops overseas.
- An idea of drive-by Trick-or-treating.
- The Veterans Day Student Education program is on hold until we know what the schools are doing.
- The Friday before Veterans Day a veterans day ceremony at a nursing home in Hudsonville.

Jerry Andrus from the Post Development Committee from the Department of Michigan presented the post with a \$500 start-up check and the Temporary Charter for Post 1111.

Sr. Vice Commander Rich Jennings brought cupcakes to celebrate the Army birthday which was the day prior.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Gentry
Post Historian