



MINUTES OF

Post No. 1111, Department of Michigan

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Date: April 20th, 2020 **Time:** Convened 7:00 p.m. Adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Attendance: Officers: 7 Members: 5 **Total: 13** Guests: 1

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

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

Roll Call of Officers: showed 7 officers present and 6 members for a quorum. The meeting is being held by video conference as we can not meet in person due to the Governor's stay-at-home order during the COVID-19 pandemic)

Meeting Minutes: There were no minutes to be read because this is our first meeting as an officially formed post. The last meeting was a Strategic Planning meeting. The motion to accept the minutes from the strategic planning meeting was made by Chad Winkle. The motion was 2nd by Catherine Buckley. The motion was carried.

New Members:

Steve Prince is transferring to us from Post 225 and works with a counseling center and does many outreach programs.

A motion to accept Steve was given by Catherine Buckley. The motion to 2nd the motion was given by Chad Winkle. The motion was passed by all members.

Officer Reports

Commander Wilmers went over all of the committees and what each committee will be working towards.

There were no Officer Reports to give because we haven't had the chance to meet because of the Coronavirus 19.

Our service Officer Catherine Buckley did give a report stating that she has had 3 phone calls from fellow Veterans and was able to refer two of them and wrote a check to the third one. One was referred to a place that helps with VA loans to buy a home. A check was written for \$725 dollars to help the one in need. Our Chaplain Jesus Sanabria gave the motion to accept the report as read. The motion to 2nd was given by Judge Advocate Chad Winkle. The motion carried.

No other reports were given at this time.

Introduction to: Legion Meeting Protocol

Judge Advocate Chad Winkle went over all of this information with everyone that was present for the meeting. Mr. Winkle gave a training on Legion protocol and how a meeting should run.

Questions: An opportunity was given to ask questions

Meeting and committee reports will be emailed to everyone before meetings so that during a meeting it doesn't take up so much time reading them. During the meetings, we can then vote to accept these reports as written.

Committee Reports - Selection of Chairpersons/Set up meetings

Training Committee **Chad**, Fred, Jesus, Jena

Veteran Support - Rich, Jill, Scott, Jena, **Catherine**, Dottie

Community Involvement - **Jill**, Catherine, Jena

Fundraising Committee - Aaron, Catherine, **Rich**, Jesus, Scott, Linda

(The names in bold for the Committees are the Chairperson)

The Training Committee has been able to meet and Chad Winkle was elected the Chairman of this committee. They had a meeting on March 10, 2020, and April 14th, 2020. The motion to elect Chad as the Chairman of this committee was given by Fred Vandermolen. The motion to second was given by Jesus Sanabria. The motion carried. Each committee will be given their own tab on Excel sheets to keep notes from their committee. Chad Winkle read the minutes from the Training Committee meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as read was given by Jesus Sanabria. The motion to 2nd the motion was given by John Landis. The motion carried.

Sick Call and Relief

Our Chaplain Jesus Sanabria stated there were no reports to be given at this time and that he is available for anyone that needs him.

Unfinished business*

Commander Wilmers stated that our Post finally received our temporary charter back from National. The next step is waiting for the department to finish setting up My Legion and getting our membership cards. Chad Winkle made the motion to adopt all post events, elections, and post business conducted prior to this meeting. The motion was 2nd by Catherine Buckley. The motion carried.

New Business & Correspondence*

- Memorial Day information. The parade that was to be given by Walker has been canceled.
- Veterans Day Student Education Program - need a space
- Paypal Account? To process renewal/and dues payments

Catherine Buckley gave the motion to hold a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony. The motion to 2nd was given by Jill Gentry. The motion carried.

Commander Wilmers then stated she would like to entertain a motion to have a virtual coloring contest for Memorial Day. Chad Winkle gave the motion to have the virtual coloring contest. The motion to 2nd was given by Jill Gentry. The motion carried. Jena, Chad, and Jill offered donations for pizzas to be given as prizes, and Catherine offered to make ribbons also for the prizes. All ages can participate. In the middle of the coloring page, the participant can highlight a lost loved one or a deployed soldier. The prizes will be given just to the kids that enter.

The Good of The American Legion*

Our Historian Jill Gentry stated that she needs the bios for the Charter members so that she can work on the Members page on the website. She asked that all charter members please work on this.

Chad Winkle made a motion to open a PayPal account so that we have this account for business purposes. This way we can accept donations and membership renewals. The motion to 2nd was given by Jill Gentry. The motion carried. Our finance officer Fred Vandermolen is to look into setting this account up for the Post.

Commander Wilmers stated that she still has several Charter Member Certificates to hand out and that she will get them to those members as soon as possible.

Commander Wilmers stated that National has decided that all officers who hold an officer position from National to District will be kept the same for the following year due to what is going on with the virus and stay at home orders. National has also recommended that Posts do the same with their officers. The convention has been canceled that was to be held in June.

Commander Wilmers then told us that our order for our covers is on hold and not sure when they will be done.

Commander Wilmers stated the training committee would like to set up a subcommittee for the Veterans Day Student Education Program. This would probably be set up around November 5th, 2020. A committee was set up to help Commander Wilmers with this. Need to find a spot big enough to land a helicopter.

Catherine Buckley informed those in attendance she goes to a nursing home in Hudsonville for Veterans day on November 6th to recognize the Veterans there and all are welcome to attend.

Our Chaplain Jesus Sanabria stated we have no departed members.

Next Meeting:

May 18th, 2020 at 7pm. This will probably be done by a virtual meeting again due to when we can meet more than 10 at a time.

Our chaplain offered the evening prayer.

The meeting for our American Legion Post was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jill Gentry, Historian