



# CHARLES E. MURRAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 186

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## Meeting of the E-Board – Minutes – May 22, 2025

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Secures the Meeting Room

**Meeting Called to Order:** The Commander called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Members in attendance: 15

Guests in attendance: 0

### Hand Salute

**Opening Prayer:** The Chaplain delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 1st Vice Commander Moriarty.

**Commander:** Officially declares meeting convened.

### Roll Call of Officers

<b>Commander</b>	Pat Sharpe	PRESENT
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Tom Moriarity	PRESENT
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Jim Sales	PRESENT
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Mike Cray	PRESENT
<b>Post Adjutant *</b>	Jeff Rogers	PRESENT
<b>PR/Historian</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Interim Sgt-At-Arms	PRESENT
<b>Chaplain *</b>	Joe LaRosa	PRESENT
<b>Judge Advocate *</b>	Keith Hines	PRESENT
<b>Post Service Officer *</b>	Jeff Conlan	PRESENT
<b>Past Commander</b>	Don St. Pierre	PRESENT

\* Non-Voting Officer

### Roll Call of E-Board (7 Members):

Dave Crofut	PRESENT	Annie Mytnik	PRESENT
Rich Juneau	EXCUSED	Howard Smith	EXCUSED
Eric Hollinger	PRESENT		
Tom McCain	PRESENT		

### Roll Call of Managers / Committee Chairs

<b>Office Manager</b>	Sue Moriarty	PRESENT
<b>Canteen Manager</b>	Kelly Acker	PRESENT
<b>House Committee Chair</b>	Terry O'Brien	PRESENT

**Quorum Verified?** YES

## **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The *General Membership Meeting Minutes*, dated **May 1, 2025**, are brought before the E-Board for approval. **A motion** was made to accept the minutes, as written, by Terry O'Brien and seconded by Eric Hollinger. **Motion Passed.**

The General Membership approved the *E-Board Meeting Minutes*, dated **April 24, 2025**, and are brought to the E-Board for approval. Terry O'Brien made a motion to accept the minutes, as written, and Dave Crofut seconded it. **Motion Passed.**

## **Officers' Reports:**

**Commander:** Pat Sharpe briefly addressed an ongoing issue with ASCAP regarding music licensing, stating he was simply ignoring their communications.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** Tom Moriarty reported on membership status, highlighting 15 transfers into the post since April 1. He emphasized the importance of proper membership documentation, specifically cautioning against incorrectly signing membership transfer sheets. Moriarty stressed that for veteran transfers, members should verify DD-214 documentation and ensure proper handling of transfer sheets.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** Jim Sales reported on ongoing efforts to establish a charter for the Riders group. He mentioned working with Linda, the head of the Riders, to organize a meeting and potentially invite potential members to learn more about the group's activities.

**Post Adjutant:** Jeff Rogers reported on two primary pieces of correspondence. The first involved potential discussions about a new sign for the post, with preliminary research indicating replacement costs ranging from \$550 to \$1,000 per month for a five-year installment plan. Rogers noted he had consulted with multiple sign companies to explore cost-effective replacement options.

The second item of correspondence was a media kit for an upcoming blood drive, which Rogers had already distributed to the tables. He highlighted the importance of these community engagement materials and ensured board members were aware of the upcoming event.

Rogers also provided background information on the ongoing bylaw approval process, explaining that previous submissions were incomplete due to missing documentation and incorrect formatting. He offered to assist Keith Hines in compiling the necessary paperwork for proper bylaw review and submission.

**Finance Officer:** Mike Cray provided a comprehensive financial overview, detailing account balances of \$80,000 in the general fund, \$14,500 in the queen fund, and \$6,000 in the building fund. He outlined monthly income streams totaling approximately \$51,000, including \$5,000 in donations, \$20,000 from gaming, \$14,000 in bar sales, and \$8,000 from kitchen sales. Cray noted the establishment of three new checking accounts

at Truist Savings and Loan to minimize fees, with plans to transfer funds from Regions Bank gradually.

**A motion** to approve the Finance Report was made by Keith Hines and seconded by Tom Moriarty. The motion passed unanimously.

**Judge Advocate:** Keith Hines raised significant concerns about the post's bylaws, which had not been properly approved for two years. He proposed a comprehensive review of both bylaws and house rules, indicating potential discrepancies in the current documentation. Hines mentioned he was awaiting information from the new district leadership to resolve outstanding bylaw issues.

**Post Service Officer:** Noting to Report

**Chaplain:** Nothing to Report

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Nothing to Report

**Historian/PR:** N/A - VACANT

**House Committee Chair:** Terry O'Brien reported on recent maintenance efforts at the post. During the discussion, Pat Sharpe raised concerns about upcoming facility inspections, explicitly mentioning the need to address mold underneath the bar and dust on event covers and fan covers in the walk-in cooler.

O'Brien acknowledged the maintenance needs and indicated willingness to address these issues before the end-of-month inspection. Pat Sharpe offered to assist on Sunday, emphasizing the importance of thoroughly addressing the mold and cleaning the facility to prepare for the upcoming inspection.

The report highlighted the ongoing commitment to maintaining the post's facilities and ensuring they meet necessary health and safety standards. O'Brien's report demonstrated the committee's proactive approach to facility management and preparedness for upcoming inspections.

**Office Manager:** Sue Moriarty provided a detailed update on administrative matters. She reported meeting with the insurance representative to review the liability policy and correct the previous year's audit figures. Moriarty noted that paying \$2,868 for workers' compensation had decreased from previous years. She also discussed ongoing efforts to resolve the PPP loan status, which required Frank to provide updated documentation to access the lender's site.

**Canteen Manager:** Kelly Acker announced that the kitchen would be closed on Saturdays, but food would still be available at the bar. He explained that keeping the kitchen open was financially unsustainable, with costs exceeding potential revenue. Acker proposed offering alternative menu items like hamburgers, barbecue, hot dogs, pizza, and soft pretzels during kitchen closure periods.

## **Old Business:**

Commander Pat Sharpe proposed **closing the post** on Sundays from June 1 until football season begins. After discussion, Keith Hines **made a motion** to close on Sundays, with exceptions for special events such as the Father's Day breakfast and Doris's going away party. The motion was voted on and passed with six members in favor and one opposed.

**Band Bookings:** The board extensively discussed the financial impact of booking bands during summer months. Mike Cray presented financial data showing that band bookings were causing significant financial strain, with monthly band expenses reaching up to \$2,350 compared to \$700 for DJ entertainment.

Eric Hollinger **made a motion** to cancel band bookings for July and August, with a preference for using DJs instead. After detailed discussion about attendance, costs, and entertainment options, the motion was seconded by Jeff Conlan. **The motion passed.**

**Convention Preparations:** The board discussed upcoming convention logistics, including delegate representation and potential room reservations. Keith Hines provided detailed information about delegate allocation, explaining that the post would have approximately 80 delegates based on membership numbers. The board agreed to limit convention attendance to essential personnel to manage costs.

## **New Business:**

**Fundraiser for Billy Eagleson:** Eric Hollinger proposed a fundraiser to support member Billy Eagleson, who needs funds for an experimental stem cell medical procedure. The treatment, estimated to cost between \$9,000 and \$10,000, is not covered by insurance.

Hollinger suggested hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, with tickets priced around \$10. He also planned to start a GoFundMe campaign. The board discussed the logistics, with Pat Sharpe supporting the idea of a daytime event to minimize operational conflicts.

**A motion to approve** the fundraiser was made by Pat Sharpe and seconded by Tom Moriarty. **The board unanimously approved** the fundraiser, demonstrating support for the member's medical needs.

**Sign Replacement Discussion:** Jeff Rogers reported on potential sign replacement options. One company offered an installment plan of \$550 to \$650 per month for five years for panel replacement. A full replacement for both sides would cost approximately \$1,000 monthly. The board discussed the financial implications and practicality of the investment, but no motion or vote was taken regarding sign replacement.

**Unemployment Question:** Tom McCain raised a question about the unemployment status of specific employees. Sue Moriarty clarified that Tammy was receiving unemployment after being laid off, and Debbie had also applied for unemployment. She noted that Lester, as an independent contractor, did not file for unemployment.

## **For the Good of the Legion:**

Post Elections: May 28, 2025, 1 – 7 pm.

The next General Meeting will be on June 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

The next E-Board meeting will be on June 26, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

**Closing Prayer:** Delivered by Chaplain

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm