

AMERICAN LEGION- FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586
TIPP CITY, OHIO

MEMBERSHIP MEETING- Tuesday, 25 Aug 2026

Post Commander called the membership meeting to order on Tuesday, 25 Aug 26 at 7:02 pm with the Salute to the Colors, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Preamble.

- The meeting was immediately paused to allow Lucas Heitbrink to summarize his recent Boys State experiences. A short reception followed his presentation. The membership meeting resumed at 7:24 pm.

Roll Call: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant, Finance, Chaplain, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, Trustees

- Historian and Service Officer had excused absences
- Non-officer members present: 2

Guests: Lucas Heitbrink and his mother, Jamie. Photographer from the Tippecanoe Gazette.

Adjutant:

- It was properly moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 28 Jul 2026 membership meeting. The motion was approved. The commander reminded members that the minutes are now posted on the Post's website for review.

Committee Reports:

- Americanism: NSTR
- House: NSTR
- Membership:
 - Mike Brenner presented one new applicant, Blair Hotchkiss, for membership. Blair is a former Marine. Mike Brenner motioned, Dan Elmore seconded, to accept Blair as a new member of the Post. The motion passed.
 - Dan Elmore mentioned that dues renewal notices have not yet been received by members, thus slowing down our renewals this year. Dan stated he would send a note to Department about the issue.
 - Brian Fowle reminded members that the current dues amount is \$45.
- Communications/Media:
 - Mike Brenner reminded the members present to send photos of recently completed events to be used in publicizing the Post.
 - The newsletter will be completed by Friday, 28 Aug.

- Honor Guard: Brian Fowle briefed that two requests for services this week could not be filled, largely due to Bob Steggemann's absence. Brian will be sending an email to members soliciting additional Honor Guard volunteers as well as an interim coordinator to serve in Bob's absence.
- Color Guard: According to Brian Fowle, the Color Guard made a good showing at the most recent high school home football game. There are two additional upcoming games needing support; Brian will be sending out reminders.

Finance Report: Acting Finance Officer, Harlan Purves, summarized the finance report covering the first month of the new fiscal year, 7/1/2026 to 7/31/2026.

Income: \$23,115.66

Expenses: \$21,675.18

Balance: \$1,440.48

Dan Elmore motioned, and Melissa Fowle seconded, to accept the finance report as presented. The motion passed.

Service Officer Report: None due to Service Officer's absence.

Old Business:

- Proposal to Sell Vacant Lot. John Kessler stated he had spoken informally with two different realtors in order to obtain a market value for the property. A rough fair market value for the lot would fall in the range \$38K to \$42K. Discussion ensued as to how best to proceed. Some suggested the Post establish an initial asking price based on the above market value range, others suggested formally retaining the services of a realtor.
 - Tim Dumbauld motioned, and Jerry Bollmer seconded, that the Post identify and retain (hire) a realtor to properly market and sell the property. The motion passed.
 - John Kessler agreed to approach Lisa Willis (Auxiliary member...??? and realtor) to see if she would be interested.
- Post Everlasting. Brian Fowle reminded the membership that the ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 22 Sep 2026, at the beginning of the monthly membership meeting.

New Business: None

Correspondence: Brian Fowle indicated he has created a binder/folder in which donation requests from external organizations will be placed for future reference and consideration.

Sick Call: Bob Steggemann

Chaplain: Julie Durka offered opening and closing prayers.

Commander's Comments: None.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Elmore
Adjutant

Brian Fowle
Commander