



## American Legion Post 155 Carmel, IN

### Meeting Minutes

Apr 6, 2023

(Next Meeting: May 4 – 7pm)

**Opening:** Rick Curtis called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Joe led us in prayer to start the meeting.

**Salute of the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance:**

**American Legion Preamble:**

**Roll Call:** (See Below)

**Reading of the Prior Minutes:** The February meeting minutes were approved.

**Membership Report:** The membership renewal is at 90%. The Post's goal is 460. As of this date, 414 have renewed for 2023. We also have 30 first year members. We had a robust discussion on the need to attract and retain first year members and younger veterans. Rick and Phil emphasized the need to say hello to visitors who are visiting for the first time.

**Finance Report:** Bob presented the financial numbers for March. The financial report was approved.

**Commander's Comments:**

- Rick requested that we close the kitchen on Monday. He advised the numbers do not support having the kitchen open. A motion was introduced and passed to close the kitchen on Monday starting May 1. The motion passed.
- The Legion has sent Rick a package of 6 Post members who have achieved the milestone of being a Legion member over 50 years. Rick requested that David find the contact information on this members the Post needs recognize these members in some way.

**Old Business Items:**

- Rick is obtaining additional quotes for repaving the parking lot. Rick advised repaving will take approximately 3 days. He would like to get this scheduled. The board has previously approved the repaving.
- Next month we will continue the discussion on post membership. The need to attract and retain existing members.
- Joe's topic of kitchen base menu items was tabled till May.
- David advised that our Post has funded 6 Boy State candidates. We have seen a large increase in candidates this year. Other posts in the 6<sup>th</sup> district agreed to fund 9 other candidates.

**New Business Items:**

- The Post Scholarship was tabled till May. A motion was passed allocating funds for a scholarship this year. David will get with Steve Browne and provide an update during the May meeting.
- Treasure Hunt gaming rules was tabled until the May meeting.
- Joe advised he is continuing the research on updating our facility leasing agreements. Joe will provide periodic updates in the coming months.
- Phil would like to review and update the process regarding the Suggestion Box. This topic was tabled till a later date.

- It is time to nominate and select Post officers for the next year. The next nominating session will be May 4 with elections scheduled for May 13 and the seating of new officers on Jun 1. Below are the nominations:
  - Commander – Rick Curtis
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Charlie Holmes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – David Leonard
  - Finance – Bob Trebing
  - Historian – Steve Browne
  - Sgt at Arms – Sam Hasskett
  - Executive Board:
    - Phil Poor
    - Andy Carson
    - Greg Watson
    - Sandy Smith

**Closing:** Rick closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Commander	Rick Curtis	X	
First Vice	Charlie Holmes	X	
Second Vice and Adjutant	David Leonard	X	
Finance	Bob Trebing	X	
JAG Officer	Exton Cordingley		X
Sergeant at Arms	Sam Hasskett	X	
Historian	Vacant		
Chaplain	Joe Hunter-Lattak	X	
Executive Board	Phil Poor	X	
Executive Board	Vacant		
Executive Board	Andy Carson		X

## Post Leadership

<p><b><u>Legion Board</u></b></p> <p>Rick Curtis – Commander – <a href="mailto:rcurtis@post155.org">rcurtis@post155.org</a>  Charlie Holmes – First Vice - <a href="mailto:chjuholmes@tds.net">chjuholmes@tds.net</a>  David Leonard – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice and Adjutant – <a href="mailto:dleonard@post155.org">dleonard@post155.org</a>  Bob Trebing – Finance - <a href="mailto:pepaw@pepaw.net">pepaw@pepaw.net</a>  Exton Cordingley – JAG – <a href="mailto:exton.cordingley@yahoo.com">exton.cordingley@yahoo.com</a>  Sam Hasskett – Sergeant at Arms - <a href="mailto:haskettsam@sbcglobal.net">haskettsam@sbcglobal.net</a>  Joe Hunter-Lattak – Chaplain - <a href="mailto:hunterlattak@yahoo.com">hunterlattak@yahoo.com</a>  Phil Poor – Executive Board - <a href="mailto:phillippoor@aol.com">phillippoor@aol.com</a>  Andy Carson – Executive Board - <a href="mailto:andrew.carson05@gmail.com">andrew.carson05@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Auxiliary</u></b></p> <p>Karen Todd - President - <a href="mailto:ktodd@virtualhaven.net">ktodd@virtualhaven.net</a>  Dori Burton - 1st Vice / Membership - <a href="mailto:dori_burton@yahoo.com">dori_burton@yahoo.com</a>  Kathy Bolander - 2nd Vice - <a href="mailto:kbolander365@gmail.com">kbolander365@gmail.com</a>  Cindi Trebing - Secretary - <a href="mailto:cjtrebing@pepaw.net">cjtrebing@pepaw.net</a>  Barb Duke - Treasure - <a href="mailto:bhd142@yahoo.com">bhd142@yahoo.com</a>  Sara North - Sergeant at Arms - <a href="mailto:sarajonorth@gmail.com">sarajonorth@gmail.com</a>  Sharon Spacke - Historian - <a href="mailto:sharonspacke@att.net">sharonspacke@att.net</a>  Linda Hunter-Lattak - Chaplain - <a href="mailto:linnylou52.lhl@gmail.com">linnylou52.lhl@gmail.com</a>  Judy Holmes - Executive Board - <a href="mailto:chjuholmes@tds.net">chjuholmes@tds.net</a>  Shirley Browne - Executive Board - <a href="mailto:sabrowne1968@gmail.com">sabrowne1968@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Riders</u></b></p> <p>Charlie Holmes - Director - <a href="mailto:chjuholmes@tds.net">chjuholmes@tds.net</a>  Greg Lamar - Asst Director - <a href="mailto:greg.t.lamar@gmail.com">greg.t.lamar@gmail.com</a>  Judy Holmes - Secretary - <a href="mailto:chjuholmes@tds.net">chjuholmes@tds.net</a>  Dori Burton - Membership - <a href="mailto:dori_burton@yahoo.com">dori_burton@yahoo.com</a>  Teresa Perry - Treasurer - <a href="mailto:tperry@ascendiumeducation.org">tperry@ascendiumeducation.org</a>  Larry Allen - Sergeant at Arms - <a href="mailto:harleyman9107@yahoo.com">harleyman9107@yahoo.com</a>  Jennifer Carson - Historian - <a href="mailto:jcarson08@gmail.com">jcarson08@gmail.com</a>  Diane Jones - Chaplain - <a href="mailto:dnelson101747@yahoo.com">dnelson101747@yahoo.com</a>  Barry Schafer - Communications - <a href="mailto:bschafer@yahoo.com">bschafer@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Sons of the American Legion</u></b></p> <p>JR Gooch – President  Todd Stanley – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  Charles (Chuck) Krise – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  Bob Trebling – Treasurer  Andrew Brose – Sergeant at Arms  Jeremy Robbins – Historian  Tom Beck - Chaplain</p>