



**American Legion Post 155
Carmel, IN**

Meeting Minutes

Mar 2, 2023

(Next Meeting: April 6 – 7pm)

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

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

Salute of the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

American Legion Preamble:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes, and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and good-will on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual Helpfulness.

Roll Call: (See Below)

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

Membership Report: The membership renewal is at 87%. The Post's goal is 460. As of this date, 400 have renewed for 2023. We also have 25 first year members a 5% growth rate.

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

Commander's Comments:

- Rick advised there is no truth to the rumor that the post building was going to be sold and a new building built. Any rumor that is circulating, no matter the topic, should be brought to the attention of the Post Officers.
- David read a memorial gift that was presented to the Post from Teresa Perry on behalf of her step-father Post Member - Paul Howard Thorne.

Old Business Items:

- Rick advised the topic of having pizza available on Mondays has been placed on the backburner. In addition, there will be no change to the 50/50 raffle time slot.
- Joe provided an overview from the last meeting on Hallowfest 2023:
 - The Riders will be doing the cooking for the Post

- There will be various committees and committee heads will be established to help plan for the 2023 event.
- The next meeting is Mar 29 at the Legion Post
- Rick advised all fish has been purchased for the fish fry which begins each Friday starting Feb 24. A decision still needs to be made if we will be selling fish on Good Friday. Rick requested \$500 to be spent on signs and possible flag/banner. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Bob has advised the Post Gaming License has been submitted.

New Business Items:

- David provided an overview for this years BoyState applications. At this time we have received approximately 19 applications from Carmel HS and 6 applications from Westfield HS. The Post is working with the 6th District coordinator and Commander to secure funding for all Boys who completed an application.
- David provided the latest status from the Communications Committee. The committee will be contacting each member of the Post and Auxiliaries during March advising membership all communications will be thru email, website and Facebook.

Closing: Rick closed the meeting at 8pm.

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

Legion Board

Rick Curtis – Commander – rcurtis@post155.org
 Charlie Holmes – First Vice - chjuholmes@tds.net
 David Leonard – 2nd Vice and Adjutant – dleonard@post155.org
 Bob Trebing – Finance - pepaw@pepaw.net
 Exton Cordingley – JAG – exton.cordingley@yahoo.com
 Sam Hasskett – Sergeant at Arms - haskettsam@sbcglobal.net
 Joe Hunter-Lattak – Chaplain - hunterlattak@yahoo.com
 Phil Poor – Executive Board - phillippoor@aol.com
 Andy Carson – Executive Board - andrew.carson05@gmail.com

Auxiliary

- Karen Todd - President - kstodd@virtualhaven.net
- Dori Burton - 1st Vice / Membership - dori_burton@yahoo.com
- Kathy Bolander - 2nd Vice - kbolander365@gmail.com
- Cindi Trebing - Secretary - cjtrebing@pepaw.net
- Barb Duke - Treasure - bhd142@yahoo.com
- Sara North - Sergeant at Arms - sarajonorth@gmail.com
- Sharon Spacke - Historian - sharonspacke@att.net
- Linda Hunter-Lattak - Chaplain - linnylou52.lhl@gmail.com
- Judy Holmes - Executive Board - chjuholmes@tds.net
- Shirley Browne - Executive Board - sabrowne1968@gmail.com

Riders

- Charlie Holmes - Director - chjuholmes@tds.net
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- Judy Holmes - Secretary - chjuholmes@tds.net
- Dori Burton - Membership - dori_burton@yahoo.com
- Teresa Perry - Treasurer - tperry@ascendiumeducation.org
- Larry Allen - Sergeant at Arms - harleyman9107@yahoo.com
- Jennifer Carson - Historian - jcarson08@gmail.com
- Diane Jones - Chaplain - dnelson101747@yahoo.com

- Barry Schafer - Communications - bschafer@yahoo.com

Sons of the American Legion

- JR Gooch – President
- Todd Stanley – 1st Vice
- Charles (Chuck) Krise – 2nd Vice
- Bob Trebling – Treasurer
- Andrew Brose – Sergeant at Arms
- Jeromy Robbins – Historian
- Tom Beck - Chaplain