



American Legion Post 155 Carmel, IN

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023

(Next Meeting: June 1 – 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 91%. The Post's goal is 460.

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

Commander's Comments:

- Rick reiterated that he is not in any official talks to sell the Post building or property. The city has expressed an interest in purchasing some of the property as they continue to buildout Main. Any discussions on this topic will follow the procedures outlined in the post by-laws. The overall impression is that sometime in the future a discussion will take place on the status of our property and building. But any decision will include community needs we are currently providing. To wrap up the discussion Rick advised we might want to hire a real estate lawyer to help us with these discussions.
- Rick provided additional details that a few events that transpired at the Post. First, any AD service member can utilize the Post. They will need to show ID. If there are 6 or more individuals utilizing the Bar the Bar will stay open. Rick agreed that written procedures for the Bar tenders will help with future issues.

Old Business Items:

- The parking lot will be milled on May 22 and 26. The installation of the new blacktop will be arranged at a later date to accommodate some upcoming events at the post. Rick will reach out to the city engineer to discuss possible run off issues with the new upcoming construction that borders our property.
- A brief discussion on the post menu was held. Joe mentioned that since fish was such a big selling item during the fish fry why isn't it on the menu. In addition, the feasibility of offering high quality hotdogs and fries were discussed. These items will be discussed with the post manager.
- A discussion was held on the need to resolve the sprinkler issue. We have been contacting the city agencies but so far no callbacks. Rick will reach out to the mayor's chief of staff for assistance.
- Steve Browne and David provided an update on the post scholarship. Carmel High School has been contacted along with the information being displayed on the website and Facebook.
- Phil's concern about post gaming process and procedures were discussed. Rick appointed a small subgroup to review the gaming processes. David, Greg, Joe, Bob and Phil will review the program and report back in June/July timeframe.

New Business Items:

- Joe advised he is continuing the research on updating our facility leasing agreements. Joe will provide periodic updates in the coming months.
- A brief discussion was held on utilization of the post parking lot by the Rugby and Fat Dan's. This item will be monitored to see if there is an issue.
- Rick will review to see if the upcoming Rugby tournaments would like to have our post provide a grill and refreshment services. Getting a response from the Carmel Rugby might be difficult since they dissolved their board.
- Phil would like to review and update the process regarding the Suggestion Box. This topic was tabled till a later date.
- The final nominations for post officers were held. Elections will be held on May 13. Below are the nominations:
 - Commander – Rick Curtis
 - 1st Vice Chair – Charlie Holmes, Shawn Fitzpatrick
 - 2nd 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 Prayer – Joe

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	Greg Watson	X	
Executive Board	Andy Carson	X	

Post Leadership

<p><u>Legion Board</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>Auxiliary</u></p> <p>Karen Todd - President - ktodd@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</p>
<p><u>Riders</u></p> <p>Charlie Holmes - Director - chjuholmes@tds.net Greg Lamar - Asst Director - greg.t.lamar@gmail.com 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</p>	<p><u>Sons of the American Legion</u></p> <p>JR Gooch – President Todd Stanley – 1st Vice Charles (Chuck) Krise – 2nd Vice Bob Trebling – Treasurer Andrew Brose – Sergeant at Arms Jeremy Robbins – Historian Tom Beck - Chaplain</p>