



**American Legion Post 155  
Carmel, IN**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 3, 2022**

(Next Meeting: Dec 1 – 7pm)

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

**Opening Prayer:** Andy Carson 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 October meeting minutes were approved.

**Membership Report:** The membership renewal is at 63%. The Post's goal is 460. As of this date, 288 have renewed for 2023.

**Finance Report:** Rick advised that Bob would not be available for this evening's meeting. Rick did discuss the financial report with Bob and advised the numbers for the month are looking good. The financial report was accepted.

**Commander's Comments:**

- Rick advised the Halloweenfest was a success. However, there were issues that will need to be worked out for next years Halloweenfest. The overall financial numbers for Halloweenfest are still being assembled. The VFW is in the process of putting together a debrief to identify what worked well and what improvements need to be made before next year's event.
- Joel has advised he might be able to secure a cook top to replace the existing cooktop and oven. Rick will discuss further with Joel to ensure the cooktop will meet our needs. A motion was presented to give Rick the authority to purchase the cooktop was seconded and approved

- Joel also recommends we explore the feasibility to install a grease filter. The estimated cost is \$350. The proposal was placed on hold
- The Post will participate in Carmel's Vet ceremony. The event is Nov 10.

**Open Business Items:**

- Rick had a brief conversation with the Carmel Fire Chief. The Chief advised he will meet with Rick to discuss the sprinklers. No date has been set.
- A work team will get together on Nov 19 at 930am to address the elevator. Phil, Rick and Dave have volunteered.

**New Business Items:**

- The Carmel Clay Trustee has presented the Post a \$26k check to address the parking lot issue.
- David asked if the Post scholarship procedure has been updated. Rick will review and get back to David. David will reach out to the 6<sup>th</sup> District to obtain information on their scholarship programs along with HQ. He will update the website.
- David advised a local nursing home requested if we had a flag and shadow box she could have to decorate their Vet wall. The funds were approved to purchase the shadowbox.
- A request was made if we would be interested in partnering our vets with local high school students to provide information on being a Vet. David was advised that Carmel HS has a program and he should check with them first and possible put them in touch with each other.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander visited our meeting.
  - They presented to Rick and Dave an award for being ahead of schedule on membership renewals.
  - They talked briefly on the HQ Legion project "Be the One" campaign.
  - Our Post will host the Jan 15<sup>th</sup> District Meeting
  - David will obtain a picture of the 6<sup>th</sup> District commander for the wall.

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Commander	Rick Curtis	X		
First Vice	Charlie Homes	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		