

Commander, John Saunders: Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. with appropriate ceremonies.

Chaplain, Bill Roberts: Presented prayer to open the meeting.

Introduction was made for guests, distinguished visitors and new members were welcomed.

Motion passed to accept previous month's general membership and executive committee meeting minutes.

Presentation/Recognition

Director of Wreaths Across America, Donna Betson: Presented Post 113 a certificate of appreciation for the donation made in November 2016. Every grave in Ky Veterans Cemetery had a wreath.

Patriot Guard, Tom Folsom: The Patriot Guard is recruiting members. Contact information:

www.pgrofky.com / www.patriotguard.org / tfolsom13@gmail.com

Committee Reports

Chaplain, Bill Roberts: Remember in prayer those who are listed within the post newsletter, The Bugler.

Post Manager, Stephen Stewart: The certificates presented to Post 113 are to the members of the post and the post families. They are a reflection of the volunteers within the post and the great job that is being accomplished. There are many opportunities for volunteers and supporting the post and our community.

- There is a Super Bowl Party scheduled for this coming Sunday. There will be a chili cook off. Bring appetizers and share with all.

1st Vice, Joe Garrett: 2017 membership goal is 1,384. Currently, there are 1,055 members. Members are encouraged to speak to others of the benefits of American Legion membership. 329 members are needed between now and the first part of June. Thanks to those who have helped with the post Open House and setting up booths at Ft Knox.

- For those who bring on 10 members (new or renewals) for 2017 will be authorized to pick a jacket of their choice from the Legion Emblem Sales catalog.
- For those who bring on 3 new members may be recognized by the National Commander with a pin.
- Members are encouraged to go online and take the "Legion Extension Institute" for a cost of only \$4.95. To register, go to www.legion.org/alei

Finance Officer, Brian Knoch: Provided balance sheet and profit and loss statement. There are no outstanding bills due (less building mortgage).

- The building load has diminished to \$66,800. It is a priority to pay off the loan.
- Brian heads the membership committee team of "Under 40". He is hosting a pool tournament the 1st Wednesday of the New Year, 2017.

Nominating Committee Head, Mark Kennedy: The following positions are open for election: Commander / 1st Vice / 2d Vice / Finance / Adjutant / Chaplain / Historian / and Asst Sgt at Arms.

Unfinished Business:

- New Color Guard members are welcome. See Mark Kennedy.
- Rick Crouch is now the Historian.
- Electronic Pull Tabs has been approved for another year. The Commander will never sign a contract for an automatic renewal.
- Building maintenance and repairs; The Game Room is complete. Thanks to all who donated funds and time towards the renovation.

- Thanks to Joe Garrett and Brian Knoch for putting the Conference Room back together.
- Will be concentrating next on the upstairs rooms. They need to be cleaned up.
Volunteers are asked to contact the Commander to help out.
- The December breakfast was a great success.
- The WWII/Korean lunch was very successful with approximately 65 veterans attending.
- New Year's Eve celebration was a sold out event. The Post will be looking at new ways to enhance the celebration for next year.
- The recent Open House was dedicated solely for membership. It was a very successful event.
- The Legion donated over 35K last year.
- Strive to keep enlisting new members to the post.

News Business

- Volunteers are welcomed to join the Entertainment Committee. There are four current members. If you want to help plan new events please feel free to attend. See Commander Saunders.
- The legion will initiate a Post Everlasting ceremony on an annual basis during May.
- A Volunteer Appreciation Night will be hosted. The post cannot do what it does without our volunteers.
- A 1st Responder dinner will be held on March 16th. All the families are asked to become engaged. POC Tom Folsom.
- The March meeting will be a joint meeting for all legion families.
- If anyone has a lockers within the hall way be certain to put your name on the locker before March.
- Super Bowl Sunday; come out and enjoy the event with the legion. Snacks are allowed but no beverages.
- A Special Needs group is asking for a donation. They assist 100+ persons with special needs. A donation of \$300.00 will be made. 1st motion made by Denzil Lyle and 2d motion by Eddie. Motion passed.
- HCEC TV did a video taping of the Memorial Day ceremony. The post would like to donate \$200.00 for their services. 1st motion made by Randy Harris, 2d motion by Randy Kote. Motion passed.
- The new post website is up and running. Request folks to review the content and inform the Commander of any enhancements/changes that are needed.
- Reviewed correspondence and letters received to the post from various organizations thanking the post.
- The post has accomplished much in the last nine months. Take the time to read the Commanders column in the Bugler.
- All members had been asked to review the Legion House Rules. The upcoming events will state the dress code and identify if it will be a family friendly event or not. These two requirements will be placed on the flyers. 1st motion by Mike Appleby and 2d by Steve Schaffer to accept the house rules. Motion passed.
- Tom Folsom made a motion to support the 1st Responders Appreciation Dinner with \$300.00. 1st and 2d motion made and passed.
- A Pool League has been created and meets each Wednesday night starting at 7:00. All are welcome (including children with their parents).

Good of the Legion:

- District Commander, Phil, thanks Post 113 members for your hard work and support in helping meet 21,000 goal for membership with the state of Kentucky.
- The next JOINT membership meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2017.
- The next executive board meetings are scheduled for February 28, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST; Beverly R. Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander