

AMERICAN LEGION HARDING POST 113
1251 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
Minutes Executive Committee Meeting, June 13, 2017

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Commander John Saunders opened meeting at 6:00 pm with appropriate ceremonies. Previous minutes for the Executive Meeting were approved.

Members absent; SAL Cdr, Steve Curry / Service Officer, Al Maruszewski

Elected officers were sworn in; 2d Vice - Randy Cote, Chaplain - Randy Crank and Publicity Officer - Beverly Watkins.

Post Manager, Stephen Stewart: The post calendar will be updated and sent by email to the Executive Committee members. Anyone else wanting the calendar contact the post manager. **Consideration will be given to place the calendar on the post website. Suspense: Decision?**

- Every Saturday between now and 30 Sep is filled either within the hall of game room. Contact post management to assure any meeting is properly scheduled.
- The Steak Night dinner held on June 10th served approximately 80 people with a net profit of \$250.00; two plus boxes of E-pull tabs were sold. Discussion centered on not having E-pull tabs at legion social events.

Chaplain, Randy Crank: Remember those persons in prayer who are listed in the Bugler.

1st Vice Joe Garrett: The membership drive has officially ended. 1316 members will be the goal for next year. It is noted that 56% of membership is obtained within the first three months of the membership drive. At the end of September of this year we will need 739 members signed up to be able to meet our goal.

- A post Open House and "Early Bird" event is scheduled for July 8th. Legion members are asked to participate and take advantage of the 25% membership discount.
 - Post Family members are invited to participate and set up their tables.
- Executive Members and post leaders are reminded to serve as a "welcome committee" to new faces at the post.

2d Vice, Randy Cote: The picnic tables will be refurbished / consideration is being given to stain the fence / the men and ladies bathroom will be painted.

Finance Officer, Brian Knoch: No outstanding bills – all are paid up to date.

- Provided a balance sheet and a profit and loss report.
- The building loan is at \$37,991.84
- Donations will be considered; provide charity information for review. Donations need to be completed before June 30th.
- **The budget will be in place by July – Suspense**
- Discussion centered on sealing the parking lot. It will need to be completed NLT next year and will need to be budgeted.
- "Queen of Hearts" is at \$8,613.
- Monies received from the gun raffle will be placed toward the building loan.

Publicity Officer, Beverly Watkins: The July Bugler articles are needed by Saturday, 24 June at noon. Three rolls of stamps are required – Post Manager has agreed to pick some up. The Bugler review prior to publication will be sent to the ALR Director, ALA Director, Commander, Chaplain and Post Manager.

Athletic Officer, Kat Sample: Golf Scramble scheduled for August 5th.

ALR Director, Anthony Dohnert:

- A run is scheduled for 17 June; 24 June is the “Ladies Ride”; the Jack Pot Poker Run is good to go and scheduled for 12 August.

ALA President, Diane Kennedy: There will be a 4th of July event at the legion; a flyer has been made. The event will be from noon until 5:00pm. Food served for \$7.00, there will be corn hole, horse shoes and games for the kids.

Color Guard Commander, Mark Kennedy: Two events are scheduled for Flag Day and the Army Birthday. The Color Guard is open to any interested family member who would like to join.

- For any Bingo issues – please see Mark Kennedy.

Old Business, Commander John Saunders:

- **Suspense Action – Post Manger; Bartender training will be scheduled on two different dates that includes alcohol serving and when to cut people off. Status?**
- **Suspense Action - ALR Director, Anthony Dohnert: A review of ALR membership with Legion membership will be made. Status?**
- **Suspense Action: Post Consolidation Report due. Status?**
- **Suspense Action: The commander’s parking sign will be completed before the weeks end. Status?**
- BBQ, Blues and Bikes was held on May 27th – Kudos for a job well done!
- Memorial Ceremony was held on May 29th. Finance Officer, Brian Knoch did an outstanding job!
- Convention scheduled for Jun 15-17; John Crow will be running the hospitality room.
 - Electronic Pull Tabs will only be down stairs.
 - Pistol Raffle tickets will be raffled in the morning and during lunch.
- **The “Volunteer Coordinator” will be the responsibility of the 2d Vice, Randy Cote.**
 - Everyone is capable of doing something to give back to the post. How do we get people engaged?
 - Bingo volunteers needed
- A pistol raffle is scheduled with 1000 tickets. 230 tickets signed out have not yet submitted the money. 550 tickets have been sold at \$3,425. Turn in money as it is received.
- The post wants to build more on Children and Youth; Ivy has agreed to step up and build on a children and youth program in conjunction with ALA. **Comment on Status?**
- Key Card Control; One set of 700 cards with one reader will be purchased. The new card to be issued with current membership and will work on the new readers. On Jan 1st the current card will not work. All cards will be collected for future dates.
 - Better control of the cards will be put in place. Motion made and passed: Purchase of new key cards will be made at the cost of \$499 plus shipping.
- Early Bird membership drive is scheduled;
 - July Auxiliary Breakfast on 8 July; membership renewal will be offered. \$30.00 for a 2018 renewal and new membership. **Legion families are asked to set up a table for their own membership drive.**
 - Dance scheduled on Saturday, 5 Aug, “Bar Nuns”. Free to 2018 members.
- Discussion; The Legion Park is owned by the city. Names need to be placed on the monument. The last update was for the Vietnam War. **2d Vice, Randy Cote, will be asked to find out the cost of adding names. SUSPENSE Action – status?** Research is needed for adding more names.
 - An Eagle Scout project to be considered to take down trees and landscape the park.

New Business, Commander John Saunders:

- **SUSPENSE Action – Status?** Discussion centered on Bingo with attendance of less than 80 persons. A recommendation is needed that will involve all legion families.
- There is an opportunity for a tandem jump with the Golden Knights, this coming Friday at 7am—see Commander if interested.
- Donation discussions were held with a subsequent motion made and passed for the following:
 - Boys State, \$1,300.
 - Safe Harbor, \$500.
 - POW/MIA in the memory of John Locke, \$500.
 - Local DAV, \$1000.
 - Warm Blessings, \$500.
 - Silver Leaf, \$500.
 - Spring Haven Shelter, \$500.
 - Kentucky Veterans Home, \$500.
 - Auxiliary Unit 113 for packages to the troops, \$500.

Good of the Legion:

- Next General Membership meeting scheduled July 6, 2017.
- The Exec Committee meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremonies.

ATTEST: Beverly Watkins, Publicity Officer

John Saunders, Commander