



American Legion Post #79 Montgomery MN

Approved Minutes of March 10, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 7:38PM by Commander Mike Maxa.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted.

Introduction of Guests: Commander Maxa introduced the following American Legion guests.

- Third District Commander, Joe Niesen, Cologne, MN
- Third District Vice Commander, Rosemary Niesen, Cologne, MN
- Third District Membership Director, John Milbrath, Jr, Elysian, MN
- Third District Post Development Director, Bob Roe, Prior Lake, MN.

Introduction of Guests: Commander Maxa introduced representatives from the Montgomery Fire Department, Marilyn Michael and Dave Streid. They announced to the membership that the annual Fireman's Dance will be held on June 26th, 2010, and in cooperation with the Post #79, a BBQ Chicken dinner will be held on Elm Avenue SW, outside the Post #79 Club entrance. The Club will be open at 4:30PM to accommodate the public for beverages and seating. Plans are being made to serve approximately two-hundred and fifty meals.

Minutes were read from the February 10, 2010, meeting by Adjutant Jim Slavik. Motion to approve by Jim Slavik and seconded by Paul Vollmar. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee:** Bob Rotter read the report from January 31, 2010, thru February 28, 2010, and provided copies. Bob Rotter made a motion to approve the report as read and Paul Swidorski seconded; Motion Carried.
- **Gambling:** 'Shorty' Deutsch read the report and provided copies. 'Shorty' Deutsch made a motion to approve the report as read and Bill Stangler seconded; Motion Carried.
- **Finance Investments Committee:** Glen Flicek read the report and provided copies. Motion to approve report by Glen Flicek and Bob Rotter seconded; Motion Carried.
- **Post #79 Housing Club Finance Committee:** Bob Rotter read the report. Motion to approve report by Bob Rotter and Stan Barta seconded; Motion Carried.
- **Membership Committee:** Ed Keogh read the membership report. There are currently 177 paid members; the goal is 191. We have had



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fifteen paid members pass away during this membership campaign. Motion to approve report by Ed Keogh and Paul Swidorski seconded; Motion Carried.

- **Service Officer Report:** Eymard Boehmer reported that the Post continues to receive a stipend for military honors funerals, administered by the MN National Guard and paid by the Federal Government.
- **Sgt-At-Arms Report:** Alvin Kaderlik reported that the Tom Peeks Family donated \$100.00 to the Post #79 Honor Guard.
- **Sick Call Report:** Dave Scheffert, Alvin Nasinec, Stan Busta, & Marty Cemensky.
- **Guest Speaker:**
 - Third District Membership Director, John Milbrath, Jr, Elysian, MN, gave a short report regarding membership throughout the District. Milbrath closed reminding the membership that he is running for Third District Commander in 2011.
 - Third District Commander, Joe Niesen, Cologne, MN, addressed the membership, informing them that the District was at 91.7% of membership goals. The Commander's Third District Hastings Veterans Home Television Project has more than \$8,000.00.
 - Third District Vice Commander, Rosemary Niesen, Cologne, MN, and Third District Post Development Director, Bob Roe, also greeted the membership. Bob Roe emphasized that any American Legion Member can attend the 2010 Convention, and that delegates are able to vote on issues, but guests cannot vote.
- **Correspondence Received:**
 - A Thank You was received from "Buck" Zahratka.
 - A Thank You was received from the Family of John Hartley.
 - A Thank You was received from the Montgomery-Lonsdale High School Post Prom committee.
 - A Thank You was received from Alvin Nasinec.
 - A Thank You was received from the Post #79 Auxiliary, and especially Paul and Nancy Vollmar for the Valentine's Party.
 - A request for donations was received from the American Legion State Baseball Tournament Committee. Due to the fact that Montgomery plays in the Henderson/Le Sueur sponsoring league, a motion was made by Eymard Boehmer to donate \$100.00, a Bronze donation, and seconded by Ed Keogh. Motion carried.
 - A request for donations was received from the Veteran's Blood



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Promotion, Inc. to offset costs of blood needs at the Veteran's Hospital. The request was noted and no action taken.

- A request for donations was received from retired Sheriff Gliszinski, Le Sueur County, for the National Child Safety Council. A motion was made by Paul Swidorski to donate \$150.00 and seconded by 'Shorty' Deutsch. Motion carried.
- A request for donations was received from the Dakota City Heritage Village, Farmington, MN, regarding a planned World War II reenactment. The request was noted and no action taken.

Unfinished Business

- Commander Maxa will be visiting MLHS and talking to potential Boy's State candidates for 2010.
- Commander Maxa questioned the membership whether or not they were interested in holding the Flag Disposal ceremony, discussed at the February meeting, on June 14th, 2010. Shorty Deutsch will check with the City of Montgomery to see if permits are required; the American Legion Flag Disposal Ceremony should be followed; a publication in the local media should be placed; and groups such as the Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts should be invited to the ceremony. The Montgomery City Recycling location on Highway 13 is a possible site. It was decided to table the item until the April meeting for further decision.

New Business:

- Commander Maxa began a discussion regarding the 2011 Convention and the need to block out rooms for the attendees. He said that he had contacted the Americ Inn, New Prague, and they require a 30% or \$2,698.92 cash deposit in order to block out forty-eight rooms. Bob Roe does not think that a cash down payment should be done and will check on this requirement.
- Commander Maxa suggested having an open house program to honor returning Veterans that have served in Afghanistan or Iraq. A full listing of known Vets will be assembled, including any veteran that has returned in the past few years. This item will be tabled and further action will be taken at a later meeting.
- The joint American Legion Birthday Party is scheduled for March 13th, with a social at 6PM and dinner at 7PM. Members of the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are welcome to attend. The Sons of the American Legion Banner will be presented to the Sons Commander.
- A spaghetti Dinner will be held for Darlene Wondra, on March 21st, 2010,



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from 4PM to 7:30PM.

- A Burger/Fish Sandwich nite will be held on March 12th. Volunteers are needed.
- A motion was made by Bob Rotter to have the Post dues remain at \$30.00 for the year 2011. Ed Keogh seconded. Motion carried.
- Paul Vollmar addressed the membership and thanked all that had made the Valentine's Party a success.
- Commander Maxa notified the membership that an Audit is currently being done by Dvorak Accounting & Tax, Montgomery, MN.
- Paul Swidorski requested that someone look at the need for an outdoor light on the southwest corner of the Club building; the area is extremely dark and someone could be injured.

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Closing Ceremonies were held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010