



American Legion Post 28 ■ P.O. Box 391, Spartanburg, SC 29304 ■ (864) 253-0376

Board of Directors Meeting April 27, 2015 Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Opening ceremony
 - a. Attention to Colors
 - b. Invocation – Chaplain Belville
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance:
 - a. BOD members present: Avery Taylor, Carroll Owings, Leah White, Doyle Boggs, Joe Belville, Ted Hemenway, , Lenard Zawacki, Ed Hall Jim Harbison. John Barron was late.
 - b. BOD members absent: Ron Stanley
 - c. Non-BOD members present: Charles Lytle, Ken Barton
4. Commander's Remarks – no report.
5. Post Operations Reports
 - a. **Minutes Review** - Accepted with no correction
 - b. **Finance** – Account balances and YTD Cash flow reports distributed. Accepted as presented.
 - c. **Administration** - Leah White
 - i. Dept. & District Events
 1. Dist. 5 meeting, 4/11 meeting attended by Jim only, no recap report.
 2. Dept Convention, 5/29-31, Avery, Leah, Jim, and Carroll will attend.
 - ii. Office – Need someone to take on the Monday staff position. To be announced at general meeting Saturday.
 - iii. Membership – 392 current members, still only 299 paid, no new transfers.
 1. **Motion#1:** Post to pay annual dues (\$29) for our oldest living Female veteran, WWII vet Penelope Clemmins. 2nd, and passed unanimously.

2. A letter to all at-large members living in the area has been sent out inviting them to our meeting and encouraging them to transfer to our post.
 - iv. General Meeting Agenda Items
 1. Guest Speaker: Susan Shupe, Interim HealthCare Hospice.
 2. New member initiates – none at this time.
6. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. **Facilities** – Jim Harbison
 - i. Repairs and Maintenance
 1. Roof leaks seem to have been fixed finally.
 2. The research on solar power for the post is continuing. The city has agreed to permit the addition. The National Registry will have some restrictions on placement and such.
 3. An individual we did something for recently wishes to reciprocate the good will by providing his crew and equipment to do a full clearing and clean up of our entry way. We may arrange to provide labor from our membership. More to follow.
 - b. **Standing Programs**
 1. Legion Baseball – Tryouts will be on the 9th and 10th of May.
 2. Boys State – Reception scheduled for May 16th. All slots filled and we have a few alternates standing by in case anyone has to drop out.
 3. Oratorical Contest – Doyle wishes to seek an alternative approach to getting candidates. The program is important and if the schools are not able to generate interest we need to look at other ways to get good candidates.
 4. Flying Things camp – Ed Hall – registrations have begun. Camp will be July 13-17. An ad will appear in the news on Thursday.
 5. Junior Shooters – Leah White – No report.
 6. Service Officer – Ted Hemenway – all current requests for assistance have been satisfied. There is a vacancy in the county service officer so until a replacement can be found, people seeking assistance requiring Power of Attorney will have to be referred to the Department office.
 7. Honor Guard – Ken Barton – 12 events so far this year. Several new members training but still need uniforms. A new roster has been developed but is in a format most people probably cannot view. Several people also do not have email address so distribution is a problem.

8. Legion Awards: Our submission for Firefighter of the Year was accepted for the Department Award. This will be given at the awards luncheon at the Dept. Convention.
 - a. **Motion #2:** Post will pay the fee for the commander to attend the awards luncheon. 2nd and passed.
 9. Veterans Assistance – No recent activity.
7. Old business
- a. Walk of Honor – Ed Hall absent. 590 bricks in place.
 - b. Veterans Day 2015 – Jim Harbison – still no progress in getting bands and other marching units committed to the parade.
 - c. Memorial Day, 2015 – Discussed program and identified all missing components and arranged for each to be taken care of.
 - d. Newsletter – no report
 - e. WEB site – Charlie Lytle – discussed several initiatives currently under way and requested people to send information to be posted. Mostly concerned that information submitted is not appropriate for an international audience. Requires a great deal of editing which he does not have time for. Also there was some discussion of where certain items get posted and how to get items and tabs arranged in a manner that makes it easier to locate information. No decisions.
 - f. Final list of candidates requires at least one person be authorized to hold two elected offices.
 - i. **Motion #3: To permit one person to hold more than one elected office.** 2nd and passed. This is in accordance with provision in Post Constitution, Article V, section 2. And was invoked to allow the Athletic Director to also be elected to 2nd Vice Commander.
8. New business
- a. Events calendar
Nothing discussed.
9. Announcements and “Good of the Order”
- a. A new ribbon for Korean War Veterans has been authorized. This will be announced at the membership meeting and Ed will assist interested veterans in obtaining their ribbon.
 - b. Next BOD meeting June 1, **6:00** p.m.
10. Closing Ceremony
- a. Attention to Colors
 - b. Benediction – Chaplain
11. Adjourn 7:53p.m.