



THE
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The monthly Post 16 meeting was held on July 9, 2016.

Commander Sciapiti opened the meeting at 1202 hours.

Roll call of officers: Ted Blann, Bud Bessy and Robert Smith excused. All other officers present.

Reading of the minutes from June 26, 2016. Doug Page moved that since the minutes are sent via e-mail and are posted online that the reading be forgone. The motion was seconded by Larry B. Jim Little requested that the June minutes be corrected to 1.5% of lottery funds vice 1% of tax from marijuana sales. The motion with amendments was passed.

Finance Report: Dirk said that our checking income had increased because the Executive Board voted that \$5k be taken from our investment account to pay for the remainder of the lighting project, pass through \$2k to the Doc Stewarts, to perform rehabilitation work on the front fascia of the building. Dirk said that our investment account now stood at \$91,301.01. Financial report attached. Doug Page moved that the report be accepted as true and accurate. Dale Nelson seconded the motion. Rick noted that we passed \$2,200k and \$2k to the Docs as pass through foundation donations. The motion passed.

Service Officer report: Nothing to report

Historian: Presented a short history about the origin of division shoulder patches.

Commander Sciapiti had Adjutant read the citation of a trophy presented by the Legion Auxiliary at the Department Convention for our sponsorship of Girls State Senator on her way to Girls Nation. During the presentation particular note was made of the fact that even if Post 16 had no Auxiliary, the Post insured that we sponsored Girls State attendees. This is the first time in recent memory that a Legion Post has so been recognized by the

Auxiliary leadership. Post 16 was awarded first place for our newsletter. This is the second year of placing first. The Post was also recognized with a Certificate recognizing our sponsorship of attendees at Boys State.

First Vice Commander Bergadine reported that we achieved 100% of goal and received a certificate of award and the blue 100% ribbon for the post flag.

Second Vice Commander Harper reported that for the week ending 7/8/16 that he had distributed a grocery box and a gas coupon to 2 veterans. He also told attendees that there were only 11 raffle tickets remaining for the .357 Henry rifle to be drawn on Veterans' Day.

Judge Advocate Page had nothing to report.

Commander Sciapiti explained why there is a pressing need to expeditiously replace the fascia on the front of the building. The material that was used was particle board and it is now disintegrating. When replaced good product will be used, drip strips will be installed and painted. We have dedicated \$1k for the materials and labor.

Better Way Electric was given \$1k upfront for the lighting conversion. Work will commence on Tuesday and we will then pay another \$600.

Sealing, marking parking spaces is under discussion and we will be seeking estimates soon. Membership will be apprised of that project as it comes up.

First Vice Bergadine presented Post 16 coins to 13 members in attendance for their support of the Post by attending most if not all of the monthly meetings. A coin can yours also if you attend on a regular basis, or enlist a new member.

Sick Call and Relief: Chaplain Blann is in CA as a family member is going into hospice. Mike Hampton is still undergoing chemo and he said that there are no new tumors and the tumors present had shrunk.

Upcoming activities of note are:

DCVF on 7/19 at 1700 hours

Veterans Advisory Committee at the County VSO on the 20th.

VA 1/4erly service will be in the Auditorium on 7/21 at 1200, that evening the Death Benefits Seminar will be held in the Auditorium at 1900 hours.

VFW Golf Tournament 7/23.

Post 123 BBQ 9/1 in Tri City.

Veterans Day Parade Fund Raising Golf Tournament on 9/11. With a good turn out the Committee could realize approximately \$3,200.

Good of the Order:

A member inquired about the admission cost for a Docs' game. If you wear a Legion cap or hat admission is free. We also have 2 complimentary tickets that can be used and returned for someone else to use.

50-50 drawing was won by Dale Nelson and he didn't buy anyone lunch with his winnings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1245 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence D. (Larry) Hill, Adjutant