



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176
6520 AMHERST AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
7:00 Game Room

Sons of the American Legion Squadron N^o 176 Commander Pfeifer opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 11th, 2020 at the American Legion Post N^o 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Marty Pfeifer, Commander
Jason Rodriguez, 2nd Vice Commander
Kevin Campbell, Finance Officer
Mike Wolfe, Historian
Paul Kaepfel, Chaplain
Chuck Seward, Sergeant-at-Arms

As was Floyd Cline.

Paul Kaepfel and Tyler Vanice were excused by the Commander.

Pfeifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th, 2020 General Membership Meeting as written and seconded by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Pfeifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30th, 2020 EXCOM Meeting as written and seconded by Seward. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander discussed the Four Chaplains Memorial event, with a brief education of its history and purpose.

Finance Officer submitted his report, noting that the balance increase was due to membership dues being deposited in January. Campbell also confirmed that the Scholarship check from 2019 was indeed cashed and processed out of our account. The remaining Officers had no reports.

There was no discussion of Unfinished Business.

Pfeifer made a motion to increase membership dues for 2020-2021 beginning 1-October, 2020, to \$35 for regular members, \$30 for dual members, and \$20 for youth members. The motion was not seconded and failed, and after a brief discussion Seward made a motion for the same increases, but for them to go into effect 1-July 2020 and seconded by Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The upcoming Spring Conference discussion was initiated by Pfeifer and discussed by all in attendance. Vanice, Pfeifer, Gladdis, Rodriguez, and Cline are planning on attending. All Sons were encouraged to attend.

Pfeifer quickly read through upcoming Post events through the end of March.

Campbell brought up our policy, or lack thereof, on travel reimbursement. He suggested opting for a 50% reimbursement on all travel associated costs. Pfeifer countered with an explanation of how the Legionnaires generally operate in regard to travel, and the possibility of reimbursement on a case by case basis. Rodriguez suggested that the Squadron create an Annual Travel Budget in order to keep expenses in-line. Campbell made a motion for all travel expenditures to be reimbursed at 50% and seconded by Wolfe. After a discussion, the motion was not passed. A second discussion ensued. Pfeifer amended the 1st motion to state that the Officers vote on each event separately and designate who will attend each event, and what the travel budget will be, and the motion was not seconded and failed. Seward made a motion that we table the discussion in order to gather more information prior to enacting a new policy and was seconded by Wolfe. The motion was passed unanimously and will be continued to the next General Membership Meeting as “Unfinished Business”. Pfeifer suggested that all ideas on a new travel reimbursement policy be emailed to the Commander, 2nd Vice, and Adjutant.

Campbell briefly recapped the subject of the Post’s financial audit which was mentioned in the Post 176 GMM. Pfeifer updated attendees on the status of that, which is that the audit will be delayed until an audit committee is formed, most likely after tax season. Other Post GMM topics that were briefly discussed: The Post’s paying off the mortgage, the removal of the old storage shed, and the purchase of a new Conex.

Pfeifer discussed the Atlas Project, and its impact on our Post. He encouraged participation in the Grand Opening event.



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Pfeifer discussed proposed changes to the Sons Constitution & Bylaws, of which all we discussed briefly and approved.

Campbell requested that the Adjutant try to investigate a way to charge the \$500 donation from the Hilton donation. Seward offered his services and knowledge about using the Square for this task.

Wolfe suggested that we have a Tailgate on 7-March for the Capitals/Penguins hockey game as a fundraiser. Pfeifer, Wolfe and Rodriguez will coordinate with the House Committee and other Post POCs to secure the Social Quarters and House Committee assistance. Rodriguez will contact the Washington Capitals for a donatable item for a raffle.

Wolfe suggested a "Fun Day" for Squadron 176 Officers at his gun range for camaraderie.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting: March 10th, 2020.

With the colors of the Nation being in place, the Commander rendered a hand salute and moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Rodriguez and was declared closed at 8:00 p.m.

For God and Country,

Jason Rodriguez
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2nd Vice Commander

