



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
7:00 Game Room

Sons of the American Legion Squadron № 176 Commander Pfeifer opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2020 at the American Legion Post № 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

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

As was Floyd Cline, Erich Fleeger, and Kevin Gaddis.

The Commander held a moment of silence for our departed comrades.

The Commander appointed Jason Rodriguez as 1st Vice Commander.

Jason went over the Spring Conference and encourages more members to attend. He stated Detachment Vice Commander Victor Graulau's Hospitality Room was a success and that Victor thanks the squadron for the assistance in sponsoring.

Jason discussed the Tailgate that occurred last Saturday. The Squadron received Capitals memorabilia, including two tickets to any Capitals game, a Championship Ring, and two signs pucks, to raffle which grossed \$405.00. The tailgate had admission of \$5 with food donated by the House Committee and Sons which the \$90.00 proceeds were donated back to the House Committee as a token of thanks for the work Boston Bob did. Bob was greatly appreciative of the gesture.

The Commander mentioned that the squadron should do more events soon and thanked Kevin Campbell for the teleconference setup and flyers.

The Adjutant talked about membership and stated we have 116 members for the year and need more members to renew as about twenty have yet to do so and the squadron has a target goal of reaching 130 members by end of June. He also mentioned for membership to see him after the meeting for any reimbursements needed from the Spring Conference or Tailgate.

The Finance Officer went over his report. He mentioned the Hilton donation is still outstanding and requested that it be resolved. Tyler mentioned that we could likely run the card through the post and have the money transferred.

Paul updated the membership on change of events.

Under Old Business, Kevin Campbell went over the discussion on Reimbursement from the previous meeting. Jason mentioned a potential cap per event. Discussion was had and the Commander asked Kevin Campbell to make a budget for the following year and to present it at the next meeting. Kevin Gaddis and Jason mentioned the strengths of strong attendance at events for both networking and for educational benefits.

The Commander made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 11 General Membership Meeting as written and was seconded by Tyler V. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander created a Nomination Committee to present a slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year at the next meeting. He appointed Tyler Vanice, Mike Wolfe, and Chuck Seward to the committee with Tyler as chair. It was mentioned that anyone looking to run for an office to contact one of the three members.

Tyler discussed the State Conference in July and that a large turnout would be greatly appreciated as Detachment Vice Commander Graulau, who has helped our squadron and district a lot over the years, will be installed as Detachment Commander. In addition, Tyler Vanice will be installed as Detachment Vice Commander for the Northern Region. Tyler briefly went over the various large conferences the Sons have each year and recommended that members should attend the Legion College event at the end of July for learning about various American Legion programs.

Kevin Campbell made a motion to have the squadron members reimbursed for the admission and event fees for squadron members attending the State Conference and was seconded by Jason. The motion passed unanimously.

Tyler discussed the 17th District Meeting occurring at Post 176 this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and encourages all members to attend.

The Commander discussed about safety precautions and preventative measures about the outbreak of Coronavirus, or CONVID-19. It was recommended to practice social distancing of about six feet, to not shake hands, and to consistently wash hands.

For the Good of The Sons, Mike mentioned about doing more fundraisers and suggested showing movies. The Commander mentioned that could be possible once the post fixes the stereo equipment. Tyler mentioned the probability of having to pay royalties.

Tyler mentioned that April is Children and Youth Month and it would be wonderful if the squadron would do something regarding this manner. Jason mentioned JROTC members from local schools. Mike mentioned a Drill Competition with them. Tyler also mentioned potentially getting more involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

Kevin Gaddis mentioned that the squadron should do a pig roast again this year as well as a gun raffle.

Jason mentioned the squadrons offering two scholarships this year to local high school students with both being \$250.00. The members discussed about various way to do this and the idea was tabled.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting: April 14th, 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 7:55 p.m.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Vanice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tyler Vanice
Adjutant