



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
7:30 Warrior Café

Sons of the American Legion Squadron № 176 Vice Commander Pfeifer opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:34 p.m. on October 13th, 2020 at the American Legion Post № 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Marty Pfeifer, 1st Vice Commander, Acting Commander
Kevin Gaddis, 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, Matt Hedrick, Phillip W. Porter Jr., and Erich Pfleeger.

Jason Rodriguez and Kevin Gaddis were excused by the Commander.

Vanice made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2020 General Membership Meeting as written and seconded by Porter. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander reported on the tailgates and that the Sons have one coming up on the 25th.

The Adjutant reported that membership is doing well, with it being at 45 renewed members for the year. He also brought the Detachment Fall Conference to the members attention on the 24th at 12:30 pm and that all are welcome to attend.

The Finance Officer gave his report on September and October. He brought up that there are two SAL accounts and the one was losing money quickly due to service fees

and made a motion to combine these two accounts which was seconded by Vanice. Vanice stated this second account is the Sons of The American Legion's District Account, not the Squadron's account. A motion to table this discussion was passed.

The Chaplain brought up that he has an appointment with the doctors on Wednesday to find out whether he will need surgery on his hip and knee. Commander asked that he keeps us informed.

The Historian mentioned that the Vietnam memorabilia table set up at the Pig Roast was well appreciated.

The Sergeant-at-Arms mentioned that he would like to step down from his position. Commander stated he is welcome to stay in his position and he may be excused as needed.

Vanice briefly discussed the pig roast. 54 people had paid, 6 people were compensated (the band members, Detachment Commander, and Post Commander). Two people renewed membership at event. We expected 40-60 people to attend, and the numbers were within that range. Detachment Commander Victor Graulau attended and was gracious for the donation to Children and Veterans Foundation. Grover Gaming had helped sponsored the event, assisting with the overall costs of the event. The Squadron was gracious for Commander Rodriguez as he worked tirelessly over the night with the pig and throughout the day for event. The Band, 11th Hour, was the only major expense at \$400.

Wolfe mentioned that for next year, it might be worth considering using a band or DJ that is cheaper.

Vanice talked about William Wolfe receiving his Eagle Scout Award next month. Vanice mentioned that the Squadron and Post should honor him as the American Legion has a certificate for Eagle Scouts.

Campbell made a motion to give the Eagle Scout Award and a gift card for \$100 and was seconded by Porter Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander brought up that ornament requests have started. He mentioned that the post would purchase 200 White House ornaments and have the proceeds benefit the Squadrons. After debating, the Commander stated the Post will handle the matter.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting was moved to November 17th due to the Post moving their General Membership Meeting to the 10th because of election day.

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 Vanice and was declared closed at 8:13 p.m.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Vanice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Tyler Vanice
Squadron Adjutant