



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

AMERICAN LEGION SPRINGFIELD POST 176
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Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
7:30 p.m., ATLAS Room

Sons of the American Legion Squadron N^o 176 Commander Rodriguez opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 9th at the American Legion Post N^o 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jason Rodriguez, Commander
Martin Pfeifer, First Vice Commander
Kevin Campbell, Finance Officer
Chaplain, Paul Kaepfel
Mike Wolfe, Historian

As was Erich Pfleeger, Matt Hedrick, and Floyd F. Cline.

Kevin Gaddis, Chuck Seward, and Tyler Vanice were excused by the Commander.

Commander made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9th General Membership Meeting as written and seconded by Pfeifer. The motion passed unanimously.

1st Vice Commander Pfeifer gave a report on membership and requested the members to share the news of renewing their membership with the Sons if they see another member. He mentioned that our Squadron was currently in good standing in regard to membership.

The Commander mentioned there was discussion regarding the Spring Conference which will be virtual and will be livestreamed from our post on March 6th. All are welcome to attend, but virtual attendance is preferred.

There was no Sick Call and Relief.

No Unfinished business was brought to the floor.

Under New Business, the Commander brought up discussion about this year's nomination committee, and for members to be aware that we will create a committee by no later than the April GMM meeting. Campbell inquired about the EXCOM meeting, Commander responded that we are required to have EXCOM meetings quarterly, as per the bylaws. The next EXCOM meeting date is currently TBD. Wolfe brought up discussion about a spring project for local Boy Scout Troops, and also a SAL cookout to drive membership. Wolfe will contact the district Scout leader to get multiple local troops involved. Kaepfel also suggested that our Squadron should host some sort of outdoor event with games once the weather is accommodating. Campbell brought up discussion of a SAL competition for all Squadrons in our district, possibly naming it the "District Cup" where each post will host an activity/competition for all members to participate (i.e. Cornhole, dart, pool, etc) to which one Squadron will be named the winner. This endeavor would be to generate camaraderie among all local Squadrons.

The Wagon O' Cheer was brought to the floor again as Saint Patrick's Day is March 17. It was decided that the Commander will purchase the items by 2/21, and tickets will be made for sale at that time. A previous motion was passed to spend up to \$500.00 for the purpose of the Saint Patrick's Day Wagon O' Cheer and raffle items.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting will be on March 9th at 7:30 pm.

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 8:18 p.m.

For God and Country,

Jason Rodriquez
Squadron Commander