



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

Sons of the American Legion Squadron No 176 Commander Rodriguez opened the General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 9th at the American Legion Post No 176, Springfield, Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jason Rodriguez, Commander
Martin Pfeifer, First Vice Commander
Kevin Gaddis, Second Vice Commander
Tyler Vanice, Adjutant
Kevin Campbell, Finance Officer
Chaplain, Paul Kaepfel

As was, Matt Hedrick (via phone), and Floyd F. Cline.

Mike Wolfe and Chuck Seward were excused by the Commander.

Marty Pfeifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9th General Membership Meeting as written and seconded by Kevin Gaddis. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commander made his report about the Cooler O' Cheer. As of the meeting, the raffle has grossed \$870. The expenses for the raffle were around \$390. The Commander hopes to reach \$1500 by the Saint Patrick's Day.

1st Vice Commander Pfeifer gave a report on membership. Vanice mentioned that the squadron had 105 current members. The target for March is 90% and the squadron is behind. Pfeifer also mentioned that National Commander Bill Oxford was in the 17th district Friday as he was in town for the Washington Conference. He visited Pot 24 in Alexandria and Post 176 to check the ATLAS program. Squadron member Nathan Naylor was present and wearing SAL Cap representing us.

The Adjutant mentioned that the Spring Conference was held March 6 virtually. A change of plans of hosting the event at Squadron 176 was cancelled due to Detachment Commander Victor Graulau being unable to attend due to recent health issues. The Consolidated Squadron Report is due May 21st and the Squadron Data Report is due on May 1st.

The finance officer gave his report.

For Sick Call and Relief, Vanice mentioned Detachment Commander Graulau is recovering fine. Squadron will send a get well card.

Under Unfinished business, a Nomination Committee was formed with Vanice as chair. Matt Hedrick and Mike Wolfe will also serve on the committee. Vanice mentioned that the committee will present a list of officers for the 2021-2022 year at the April meeting. He mentioned if anyone is interested in running for an office, to please contact a nomination committee member. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April and May Meeting. The May meeting will include the election of officers and installation should occur in June.

The Spring Project was brought up from last meeting. Kevin Campbell mentioned he was in contact with Geoffrey Thomas, Colonial District Director for the Boy Scouts of America, and is working with him to plan an event at the post. The current idea is to host the Pinewood Derby, a district event, which they would like access to use the parking lot. Thomas still needs time to consider some options and Campbell will be the point-of -contact.

Campbell mentioned that the Boy Scouts might also be interested in doing a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Martin Pfeifer will work with Kevin Campbell.

Lastly, Campbell mentioned that the Post should get more involved with the Boy Scout Troop that the post sponsored in Burke as not much has occurred in recent years.

Under new Business, the Commander formed a Scholarship Committee. The committee will consist of the Commander, Vanice, and Campbell. The Committee will work on sending out the applications to the schools in the near future.

Vanice made a motion to spend up to \$30 for desserts for Saint Patrick's Day and was seconded by Kevin Gaddis. Vanice said that since it's a holiday and the day we are doing the pulling for the Cooler O' Cheer, that the Squadron should at least bring food as the post isn't doing much to celebrate the holiday. The motion passed.

The Commander reminded us that the next General Membership meeting will be on April 13th 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 8:16 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 initial 'T' and 'V'.

Tyler Vanice
Squadron Adjutant