



VFW POST 6247

June 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs by Commander Basher
Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the Flag led by Commander Basher

Chaplin Barnas read the opening prayer and prayer for VFW National Home for Childern.

Commander Basher led the members in Recitation of Section 3 of the Congressional Charter

Roll call of Officers held: All present and or Accounted for.

Commander Basher asked if there were any new members present. None present

Minutes read by Acting Adjutant, Comrade Schroeder read the minutes of the May meeting. The Commander asked if there were any additions or corrections. There being none Comrade Knaisch moved that the minuted be accepted at read. Seconded by Comrade Markulis. Motion carried.

The Commander asked for the Quartermaster's Report. Quartermaster Kelly reported that as of May 31st the checking account balance was \$7,982.87, which includes a Welfare Fund of \$4,069.29 and the saving account balance was \$8,844.23, making the value of the Post \$16,827.10. A motion to approve the report was made by Comrade Markulis and seconded by Comrade Schroeder. The motion carried. A copy of the Quartermaster's Report is attached to these minutes.

Bills Reported: Quartermaster Kelly advised that the Post had purchased \$108.64 worth of flowers from Saviles Nursery and requested approval for payment. A motion to approve payment was made by Comrade Dean and seconded by Comrade Scharra. Motion Carried

The Commander ask for the Reading of Communications:

Quartermaster Kelly reported that the following letters/request were received;

a Thank You card was received from Comrade Dwyer.

Wings of Hope is having there annual fund raiser. A motion to purchase two tickets was made by Comrade Markulis and seconded by Comrade Ballesteros, motion carried.

Letter requesting donations from Vets H.E.R.D

Harvey D Morin Post 2940 announcing hours of operation

Letter from Erie County Legislator John Mills announcing availability of fund for Post Renovation. Letter past on to American Legion

West Seneca Rotary Club announcing they are having a Golf Tournament

Membership Transfer Request for John Gerard to Post 6247

A report from National Head Quarters was received identifying member with unpaid dues. A discussion about records of membership dues and if anyone knew if any of the unpaid dues were by members who needed assistance in paying them

Service Officers Report: No Report

Chaplin Barnas reported that Comrade Radichek just celebrated his 90th Birthday and that Comrade Gavigan was ill and should be sent a get well card

Old Business:

Annual Stag, it was suggested that the Stag be moved to September to allow for more planning. A need to find out who or where the records for last years Stag are was determined to be where to start. It was also suggested to change if from a Stag to a Picnic as other Post and organizations have done. A need to review the past Adjutant, Dwyers' Records was determined. A discussion on whether to keep the day of the week that the Stag is held as is or changed it to a week-end if the moving it to September is agreed upon. Decision to be made at the July Meeting

Chaplin Barnas report that he went to the District Meeting. Other than is being an all day affair he had no report to make. He did receive a new VFW Handbook which he presented to the Commander.

New Business:

Comrade Schoerder announced plans to renovate the Orchard Park Veterans Park. He is working with the American Legion Post 567 Commander, John Cash on the design and fund raising requirements. It is estimated that \$100,000 will be needed for the renovations.

Comrade Kelly raised concern that no articles from Post 6247 have be in the Echo for quite awhile.

Audit by VFW (National) revealed that the Post does not have a DD-214 copy for all members as required. Discussion on how to collect more email addresses and required information so that we can communicate more with our membership about Post activities ensued. Review of records to collect required DD-214s to be made.

Installation of the Post Officers:

Installation Officer Markulis preformed the duties to install the following elected Post Officers

Commander:	William Scharra
Sr Vice Cmdr:	Robert Dean
Jr Vice Cmdr:	Frank Ballesteros
Quartermaster:	Brian Kelly
Chaplin:	Brownie Barnas
Adjutant:	George Boller
Trustee:	John Grant
Trustee:	Clayton Spiedel

Trustee: John Schroeder

There being no further business, Commander Scharra asked Chaplin Barnas to read the closing prayers followed by a final salute to the flag. Meeting adjourned at 2045 hours for pizza and wings.

Respectfully submitted,

George Boller
Adjutant