



Sippin-Winspur Post No. 176 Monroe, Connecticut

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Commander	Vic Yanosy	Adjutant	Richard Michel
1st Vice Commander	Jan Larsen	Finance Officer	Kenneth Rancourt
2nd Vice Commander	Ed Callo	Chaplain	Ray Ganser
		Sergeant at Arms	Donald Whiteley

MINUTES: MEETING of 13 October 2011

Location: Monroe Senior Center – 235 Cutler’s Farm Road, Monroe, CT 06468

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by 1st Vice Commander Jan Larsen, followed by the salute and Pledge of Allegiance. In accordance with Resolution 288 adopting the POW/MIA flag, the empty chair was recognized.

ATTENDEES: Lou Marino, Don Whiteley, Fred Kaechele, Stan Kaplin, Ed Callo, Ken Rancourt, Douglas Hill, Henry Barrachina, and Jan Larsen.

Guests: Don Casey, Stepney Elementary School & Ian Lowell, Masuk High School. The guests explained that both schools will celebrate Veterans’ Day November 10th with two consecutive ceremonies (in order to include both halves) at each school. Post 176 members were invited to attend and/or participate. Interested members should contact Vic Yanosy at 203-261-6978 to coordinate the visit or contact our guests directly at:

Stepney Elementary: Nov. 10th, 9:15 a.m., Call Don Casey at 203-452-2885, Ext. 4024.

Masuk High School: Nov. 10th, 9:00 a.m., Call Ian Lowell at 203 452-5823, Ext. 7814.

So far, Vic Yanosy has volunteered to visit Masuk and Stan Kaplin, Ken Rancourt and Jan Larsen will visit Stepney Elementary.

MINUTES: Minutes of 9 September 2011 were reviewed. Lou Marino stated that the donation to the candy drive of \$200 was from the Grange, not Mrs. Barrachina who was the Grange representative. Motion to accept with change: Lou Marino. Second: Doug Hill. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was given by Ken Rancourt.

Expenditures:

Dues sent to state headquarters: (\$98.00)

Stamps: (\$67.00)

Post Checking: \$637.69

Brick CD: \$8,698.54

Brick Checking: \$206.98

Total: \$9,543.21

Balances:

Motion to accept: Stan Kaplin. Second: Henry Barrachina. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Baseball: Season is over.

Boys’ State: No Report.

Brick Committee: Dick Michel planted Mums at the monument in front of the town hall.

Candy Sale: The candy sale raise \$703.00 including the \$200.00 donation from the Grange. There are 155 candy bars left over. The Post will try to sell the remaining bars at Stop and Shop in Monroe on Nov. 5. Details to be worked out, but so far Ken Rancourt and Jan Larsen have volunteered.

Membership: The goal for the year, set by Department of CT is 79. The Oct. 17 goal is 55%. To date we have 57 paid members which is 72%. We have 82 total members.

COMMANDER’S REPORT: *Information* from headquarters was read at the meeting.

New State Officers: Commander, Mary Ann Roczynski.

3rd District Officers: Commander, Henrique “Henry” Hyndman; Sr. Vice Commander, David Bisonnette; Adjutant, Tomas Moore.

The Post received a thank you note from Laura Feneley, the recipient of the scholarship money donated by the Post to the Monroe Scholarship Fund last spring.

October 27 is Navy Day. Veterans have been invited to a ceremony at the Air & Space Center in Stratford, CT. Jan handed out free tickets for entrance. Many planes will be on display and a tour of the museum and old airplane factory is included.

Jan handed out an updated Department Calendar and information on suggested storage of important documents such as military separation papers.

OLD BUSINESS: Starion Energy. Three members have signed up. We got a \$10.00 bonus so far and are expecting another \$20.00 soon. Residuals based on electricity usage usually takes about 3 months to start, so we should start getting more money from that. Handouts were mailed to members with last month’s minutes. We hope more will sign up.

Stan Kaplin asked if anything had been done to get information on our getting bumper stickers with the Post 176 name. Ed Callo will give Jan a catalog on items available. **Stan also asked** about the initiative he tried to start that would allow cold war veterans to join the Legion. Jan reported that at a recent 3rd District meeting one of the Department officers had said that National cannot change the American Legion Constitution because it was created through an act of Congress and therefore, changes would have to come through Washington. Someone suggested we write to Sen. Blumenthal.

Tony Unger was to meet with Vic as well as be a guest tonight to discuss setting up an alternate site for the Veterans' Day Ceremony instead of the Stepney Green because of all the construction on Main Street this year. Route 59's Union Cemetery in Easton was suggested. Post membership thought this was too remote. With a non-binding vote it was suggested that we consider the War Memorial in front of the Monroe Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Jan Larsen requested the Post spend approximately \$130.00 for a new black printer cartridge for his printer, as he does most of the printing for the Post.

Motion to approve: Stan Kaplin, 2nd Lou Marino.

Sick Call: No new information.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: The October 3rd District meeting will be hosted by Post 176 at the Monroe Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to attend in full uniform.

The annual Holiday Party will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 at Roberto's.

Closing: Motion to close the meeting: Lou Marino, 2nd Stan Kaplin. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 930 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 10 at the Monroe Senior Center.

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate.
The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground."
- USAF ammo troop

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left
to get you to the scene of the crash."

"What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?
If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up, the pilot dies."

"Any ship can be a minesweeper... once."
- Anonymous

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