

Leonard Moore Post #71  
American Legion  
Clayton, NC  
Meeting Notes  
10 August 2017

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The monthly meeting of Leonard Moore Post #71 American Legion was held on Thursday night, 10 August, 2017. Commander Beanie Eckerson called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Our Nations Colors were posted by Sergeant at Arms Larry Tice and Al Cotham. Chaplin Wade Stanley gave the opening prayer. Commander led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. Commander Eckerson wished a Happy Birthday to all July birthdays; Don Williams, Joe Hester, Mac McCorkle, Larry Tice, Glen Lee, Sal Pilo, Brad Palmer, and Ken Parker. Cupcakes were served to all the birthday celebrants.

Cook committee chaired by Emery Howard served a good meal of Country Fried steak, potatoes, beans, salad, bread, cookies and ice tea.

Commander called the meeting back to order after the meal. Beanie Eckerson read the minutes from 13 July 2017. Commander asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes and there were none. Bob Graham made a motion to accept the minutes as read and a second by Al Cotham. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Finance Officer Ron Perry gave a synopsis of income and outflow of funds stating our balance as of 7/24/17 was \$6,694.58. Motion to accept the finance report was made by Glen Creech and a second by Pam Meeks. Motion carried.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Ken Wendell reported the plans to power wash the Legion sign had been delayed. Brian Collins who volunteered to pressure wash the sign and the exterior doors is sick. Another project under review is having the building floor resurfaced - strip and wax. The cost is expected to be between \$200 and \$300 for the project. The next project will be to fix the kitchen. Paul Papineau stepped up and asked for a team to start on the kitchen. A number of legion members (Paul Noblin and Mike O'Brien) volunteered and plan to meet Monday - August 14 to start the work.

**POST SERVICE OFFICER:** Paul Noblin gave information - Veteran Action Center meet in Cary September 14-16, 9 to 5 to review benefits. There will be another review meeting Fayetteville for benefits review at Blacks tire - August 15 9 to 4.

**LEGION RIDERS:** Rick Fornicola reported that the Riders participated in the POW/MIA reading of the names in Raleigh. Pam Meeks is planning to set up and have a pancake breakfast October 1st. Trail of Dragons ride is set for September. Another Ride to the Blue Ridge Mountains is TBD.

**BASEMENT COMMITTEE:** Ken Wendell stated that he and the Legion Riders attended the last ball game and all had a good time.

**LEGION BASEBALL:** Raymond Payne read a letter from a player, Garrett Hail, thanking the Legion for the opportunity to play baseball and looking forward to playing next year. He is also planning to have a dinner to celebrate the year and collect uniforms. A number of the Legion members will support the dinner. A motion that the Legion support the dinner with \$100 was made by Glenn Creech and seconded by Joe Hester. Motion carried. Dinner will be hot dogs and held at Archers lodge or Post 71 building (TBD). Tentative date suggested as Aug 22 for dinner - Mike Arrington stepped up to lead the team supporting the dinner.

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**POST HISTORIAN/ADOPT A HWY:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Commander Beanie Eckerson thanked Wade Stanley, Gene K and Ken Wendell for putting up the 5 flags representing all the military services.

**Gun Raffle:** Wade Stanley asked for everyone to please take raffle tickets to sell. Wade also asked everyone to take a picture of the shotgun to show around. The picture will help sell raffle tickets. Wade has negotiated a price of \$858.58 for the UTAS 15 from Clayton Guns. Wade restated Clayton Guns would allow us to set up a table to sell tickets. Wade brought up that we need to sell more tickets to also cover the Second Place prize of \$200.

**Waste Management issue:** Bob Hughes said the \$560 credit has been approved by Waste Management and that the next five months of trash pick-up will be at no cost. He also stated that Negotiations are still underway to be reimbursed some of the \$7500 we were overbilled.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Jerry Hill reminded everyone that the Harvest Festival is Sept. 16 and asked for more members to sign up and/or show up at the Post at 8 AM to help set up.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commander asked that everyone who has a key to the building please let him know. Only the Commander, First Vice, Adjutant, cook committee chairmen, and the President of Ladies Auxillary should have keys. Options are being reviewed to improve the security.

Commander reminded everyone about the Flag Retirement ceremony on Nov. 19. Also, if anyone wants their picture in the Jo. Co. school salute to Veterans on Veterans Day to get their pictures in.

Commander sent a list around to have every in the meeting sign in and show which cook committee they are on. Commander also asked anyone not assigned to a cook committee to see him after the meeting.

Legion Post in Benson is having a dance and dinner August 15th.

Post 116 will have a chicken dinner August 24 for \$8 a plate.

Request was made for judges at Neuse Charter School to judge 6th grade class essay projects. September 5 and 6, 2017. Pete Perrino, Paul Papaneau, Paul Noblin, Wade Stanley volunteered to help.

Also - need volunteers before 9:00am September 14 to support celebration of Veterans families - the Army Golden Knights will perform. Glen Creech reported the Legion had given US flags to the school in the past.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:** Pam Meek is planning to hold a pancake breakfast on October 1 and asked for suggestions and support from the members. She said we would need people to bring in flat griddles to accomplish this.

**SICK AND DISTRESSED:** Commander reported he spoke to Rudolph's wife and she said he is doing better. Don Depoy had surgery on his eye and will need chemo and radiation treatments. He is out of the hospital and back home.

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Carmine is back home and doing better - playing Golf. Brian Collins Sr. found to have cancer - has had surgery and is at home. Please give him a call and encourage him if you have time.

Ken Wendell reported Vito Minerva has had surgery on his shoulder and should be back with the Legion in 4 to 6 weeks.

There being no further business before the body, Commander Eckerson asked the Sergeant at Arms to retire the Colors. Chaplain Wade Stanley gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned in due form at 2055 hours.

Jackpot won by Stacy Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Hill