



HEADQUARTERS

## Edward M. Thompson Post No. 49

American Legion, Michigan Department

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date; April 7, 2016

Opening Ceremonies

P.O.W. Remembrance

Roll Call; Commander, Mike Kinney X 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Bobby Heavin \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Jed Fall X Adjutant, vacant

Finance Officer, Charles Aubrey \_\_\_\_\_ Service Officer, Allan Soleire \_\_\_\_\_

Historian, John Lammert \_\_\_\_\_ Sgt-at-Arms, James Bartel \_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain, Art Roddick \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Advocate, Stan Wakild \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.L. Rep, Steve Hamilton X Ladies Aux, Billie Coone \_\_\_\_\_

Also Present; Kevin Ferguson, Jim Montgomery, S.A.L. Commander, Ben Newton

Special Guest, Mr. Richard Parks

No quorum was made however, after a vote, assistant Finance Officer Pat Sullivan filled in for Charles Aubrey and Steve Hamilton acted as Post Adjutant, to no objections.

Mr. Fall made a motion to accept the 4 applicants as new members. Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Approved*

The question arose, "Should we increase our dues from \$50.00 to \$55.00?" It was decided to defer the decision until the next regular meeting.

Adjutant Report; None

Finance Officer's Report; Jim questioned the balance of the wall. Kevin will look into it. After reading the report, Motion to approve, (subject to audit) Jed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Steve *Approved*

Old Business; \*Jed questioned the approval of replacing the clubroom windows. The quote was \$600.00 to replace all. Mike questioned the need for a building permit but none is needed as there will be no structural changes. Motion, Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin. *Approved*

\*Still have not heard from Mike Riston regarding the wood rot under the cooler doors. Steve will ask Mr. Riston at 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity.

\*The carpet has been cleaned to our satisfaction but because it is wrinkled and is a hazard, it is in need of repair.

\*Jed asked about 9 checks that bounced. Kevin will check with Charles Aubrey.

\*There will be a free massage offered on last Thursday in April for any American Legion family member beginning at 5:00.

\*Ben reminded everyone that the S.A.L. is ready to prepare one (1) breakfast per month and one (1) dinner per month.

\*Steve requested an explanation for the numerous checks, in the approximate amount of \$1,000.00, written to Becky, by Becky. Mike suggested we check with our accountant. Mr. Parks reminded us that if the checks were written from the membership account, that money is bonded, however, we will be forced to prosecute if we discover wrong-doing.

**New Business:** The Meeting was suspended at 7:26 for nominations for post officers

Nominations were as follows;

Commander; Mike Kinney

1<sup>st</sup> Vice; Jed Fall

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; No nomination

Finance Officer (3 year term); Pat Sullivan

Adjutant (3 year term); No nomination

Service Officer (1 year term); Allan Soleire

Historian (1 year term); Kevin Ferguson

Sgt-at-Arms (1 year term); Larry Smith

Chaplain (1 year term); Art Roddick

No other nominations, nominations were closed

The meeting resumed at 7:49

**Sick Call;** none

**Donations;** none

**For the good of the American Legion;** \*Jim asked if any money was sent to Flint for the water crisis. It was stated that no money was sent.

\*Jim requested of Commander Kinney to provide him with all bank statements for the last 3 months.

\*Mr. Parks provided form for a list of officers from District. It must be filled out and sent in.

\*Mr. Parks also handed out pamphlets on the new Wilwin lodge

\*Reminder, The next District meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>, in Hastings

**Closing Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned;** 8:27



Steve Haulton  
S.A.L.