

POST 177 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

13 April 2016

1. Call to order: Present Colors. Pledge of Allegiance. POW/MIA Chair. Invocation. Preamble to TAL Constitution. Confirmed Quorum. Recognized VIPs.

Sherry Lemna of Auxiliary reported about a Drug Abuse Awareness Program to be scheduled at the Post. The program will including a presentation on illicit drug recognition. The general public will be invited, especially including teachers from Arlington and Fairfax County, health care providers, parents, child care providers. No firm date set. Expected timeframe for presentation: May/June 2016.

2. Read and approve minutes of previous meeting: Approved with 1 minor correction, without objection or abstention.

3. New Members: four new members voted in unanimously, with 2 new members present and initiated.

4. Old Business: None.

5. Reports and New Business:

5.1 Nominations Committee: Nominees for 2016-2017 open positions are as follows

A. POST 177 Officer Candidates:

Commander: Jeff White,
Adjutant: Mary Grace McAlevy,
1st Vice: Colin Waldroup
2nd Vice: Shawn Fiebiger
3rd Vice: Luke Munson and Eric Parkhurst
Chaplain Joe Boyle,
Finance Officer: Michael Kimlick
Judge Advocate: Anthony Osborne
Service Officer: Brad Watkins
Sergeant at Arms: John Price
Historian: Earl Seay
Member at Large (one three-year position available):
Shawn Hodgsen and Stan Verrochio

B. Corporate Board 3 of 7 positions are open:

3 year term (3 positions open):
Jonathan Thacher, Gary Welschenbach, Rand Gaber
1 year term (1 position open): Dave Shook
Legionnaire of the Year (LOTY): Rand Gaber.

C. LOTY Proclamation Read.

Proclamation that was approved by Executive Committee was read. Request was made from floor to modify proclamation. Commander to discuss with ECM.

5.2. Finance Officer: March was very profitable month. Revenue of \$7627.66.

Boys State nominations were made by large turnout (8 tables) of volunteers. 20 boys were selected with 1 alternate. Challenger baseball currently has 68 players registered, which now has been expanded to 6 teams. There are 3 games on Sundays at 1300, 1400, 1500 hours. Opening Day rained out on 9 April 2016. On 11

June at Chilcott Field, the 60th Anniversary of Fairfax Little League will be held. Challenger Opening Day will be on 17 April, and at 1:45 pm, the official first pitch will be thrown out by Mary Camper, widow of Eddie Camper.

5.3. Adjutant: No report.

5.4. First Vice: 955 members. 94% of goal. Commander and 1st Vice making calls to non-renewing members. Until end of June to make goal.

5.5. Second Vice: Newsletter needs out early due to Post elections. All inputs due by April 15. Fairfax Little League fixed back stop to grand stand.

5.6. Third Vice: New Social Quarters initiatives for off-hours. 2nd and 4th Sunday of month serving shrimp. Will have new exhaust system installed for air ventilation.

5.7. Chaplain: Prayer requested for Luther Hodges in hospice care.

5.8. Service Officer: No report.

5.9. Judge Advocate: Made Motion to Vote on previously submitted Motion to Amend Post Constitution, Article XI, at line 22, regarding specific quorums for Corporate Board, which is composed of 7 members. Specifically, the Motion made was to add "A quorum for the purpose of an officially called or scheduled meeting of the Corporate Board of Post 177 shall be four (4) officially elected members of the Corporate Board as specified within this paragraph. No ex-officio, nor any other type of member shall be counted in determining this quorum." Motion approved unanimously. Voted taken to approve Motion to Amend Constitution. Motion passed unanimously.

Made an announcement of tentative motion to be made in May to Amend Constitution regarding donated Cemetery Plots, and proceeds from sale held in Post Donations account. Motion made to put issue up for vote at next general membership meeting. Approved unanimously.

5.10. Sergeant-at-Arms: Honor Guard will serve at funeral at Post on 14 April. 22 April Tennessee Honor Flight will be at Post 177, and Post will provide dinner. 16 April – Auxiliary Italian dinner. 23 April – second Auxiliary dinner. Reporting as District Commander – Post 177 is on track to meet membership quota. 17th District Nominating Committee met.

5.11. Historian: 10 Apr 1945 – Post 177 established. 19 Apr 1775 – Lexington & Concord. 6 April 1917 - USS entered WWI. 1 April 1945 - US troops landed in Okinawa in Operation Iceberg. 6 April 1991 - Persian Gulf cease fire. 18 April – Patriot's Day.

5.12. Members-at-Large: Recommended use of microphone at General Membership Meetings.

5.13. Corporate Board: Renovations moving along. Kitchen has been refurbished. Bids incoming for balcony. As result of motion to earmark funds, have earmarked funds, and have moved some funds for renovations, but have an excess balance in account. Will have to move excess funds at end of each month.

5.14. ALR: Provided an update on Rolling Thunder activities (Memorial Day weekend). Honor Flight on 28 April from Alaska Last Frontier.

5.15. Auxilliary: Will be holding two dinners this month, on 16 and 23 April.

5.16. SAL: No report

5.17. Commander: Thursday 14 April – Fairfax Candidate’s Night at Post. Post Election on 11 May. Voting hours: 0730 – 1900. Need current membership card to vote. Need 6% of total membership for quorum (or 60 voters). Rolling Thunder and Run to Thunder: 27-30 May is an All-Hands or All-Post event. On Monday, 30 May 2016 at 1000 hours there will be a Memorial Day service at the Fairfax City amphitheater event. The DAV representative at Post on 16 April for Veteran’s assistance. DAV representative will be at Post on third Saturday of each month will be at Post, between 1000-1100.

5.18. From the Floor: No items.

6. Announcements: None.

7. Good of the Legion: 30 April Illinois Honor Flight.

8. Benediction:

9. Adjourn: 2030.

Attachments

Proclamation:

Nominating Rand Gaber as Legionnaire of the Year for 2016-17

WHEREAS, Rand Gaber is a Coast Guard Veteran who has been a member of the American Legion Post 177 for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, he has completed one term on the Post 177 Corporate Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, during that term on the Corporate Board he served as the Chairman and major focal point of the Building & Grounds (B&G) Committee; and

WHEREAS, he is currently serving as B&G Chairman; and

WHEREAS, in this position he has taken on the tasks of improving the Post 177 Building and Grounds and ensuring they are in optimal shape and safe for all Post members, guests, and patrons; and

WHEREAS, he took on the task of overseeing the search for a vendor to replace the Post home roof, and then constantly monitored the roof replacement and repair once a contract was awarded; and

WHEREAS, he also redid the Post home Social Quarters kitchen walls and stainless steel providing it with fresher, cleaner and more easily maintainable surfaces for health and safety needs; and

WHEREAS, Rand Gaber personifies the ideal of “devotion to mutual helpfulness” as written in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, during the Post 177 Executive Committee Meeting on 6 April 2016, that Rand Gaber be nominated for the honor of Legionnaire of the Year and that his name be placed on the ballot in Post 177’s May 2016 election.

Announcement of Tentative Motion

2016-04-13-Motion-Cemetery-Plots-Management

I move that during the May 2016 Regular membership Meeting that we vote on the following amendment to our Constitution and By-Laws, after having it published in the next newsletter. At the end of the following paragraph; "Moved that "Exception: donated cemetery plots, and/or subsequent revenue derived from the sale or disposal of them be considered as 'donations' and be accounted for and managed from the donations account, and that proceeds from such donation(s) (should there be any) and subsequent disposal of them be managed by the Executive Committee, and any revenue derived from them be ~~held~~ in the 'donations' account."

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Currently our "Constitution, Article XI, Section 6" reads: "Real Property Sales. In the event the Post sells any of its real property, the proceeds from such sale shall be placed in a Trust to insure that the corpus of said Trust shall be kept intact. These monies shall be known as the American Legion Post 177 Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of said Post shall conservatively invest and reinvest the Trust Fund at the maximum rate of return consistent with the safety of the corpus of the Trust, and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Motion to Amend Post Constitution regarding Quorums

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Fairfax American Legion Post 177 Constitution is silent on a specific quorum for the Corporate Board for meetings of or voting requirements on initiatives or motions.

Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, Chapter XIV; §49. BOARDS; Ex-Officio Board Members; Line 35; states that "Frequently boards include ex-officio members-that is persons who are members of the board by virtue of an office or committee chairmanship held in the society or some allied group... If the ex-officio member is not under the authority of the society, he has all of the privileges of the board membership, including the right to make motions and to vote... The latter class of ex-officio board member, who has no obligation to participate, should not be counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting." "Society" as used here means the Board of Directors.

The CONSTITUTION of Fairfax Post No. 177, Department of Virginia, The American Legion, Inc., As Amended through April 8, 2015 - 7:00 PM, ARTICLE XI, The Corporation, Line 11, states "The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members-at-large to be elected at the regular election of Post 177 officers..." Line 29 further states, "In addition to the board of Directors named above, the Post Commander, if not elected member of the Board of Directors, will be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors during his term as Post Commander.

Therefore, since the Corporate Board of Directors of the Corporate Board of Post 177 consists of seven (7) elected members, and since the ex-officio member does not count toward a quorum according to Robert's Rules of Order, the quorum for Corporate Board meetings and subsequently official voting on motions and/or on less formal initiatives shall be four (4) members.



Position: It is the intent of the Judge Advocate to read the following motion into the record during the Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) on March 2, 2016 and during the Regular Membership Meeting (RMM) on March 9, 2016: "I move that the following sentence be added to the current Post Constitution; ARTICLE XI, starting at line 22, in order to clear up a point of ambiguity on our Constitution: "A quorum for the purpose of an officially called or scheduled meeting of the Corporate Board of Post 177 shall be four (4) officially elected members of the Corporate Board as specified within this paragraph. No ex-officio, nor any other type of member shall be counted in determining this quorum." Further, it is the intent of the Judge Advocate to actually make the motion during the Regular Membership meeting on April 13, 2016.