

**Meeting Date:** 2016.05.10

The American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30 met on May 10, 2016 for the monthly meeting at RoadHouse Diner.

There were 5 members present, 4 of which were officers and 3 visitors.

The meeting was opened by Commander Don Karasek. A prayer was led by Chaplain Stephen Seibel. Flags were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated. The financial report was presented by Stephanie Griffin.

Judge Advocate, Keith Brown, donated \$60.00 to this post.

Member John Watts discussed the pavers at the RRV Memorial and to get a large paver it would cost \$600.00 and said that the individual pavers would be \$300.00. Mr. Watts presented information for the pavers. Officer Keith Brown moved we buy a paver and Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion. Officer Keith Brown said our post has been here since 1919. Discussion to buy a paver resulted in taking time to plan. Officer Keith Brown moved to table plans until member John Watts can get more information.

The group talked about having a possible pot-luck meal in the future.

Officers Brown and Seibel said they possibly will have to miss one or two meetings.

Old business was discussed and Financial Officer, Stephanie Griffin brought up the tax ID#. Officer Keith Brown suggested officer Griffin contact the IRS to see if we still have a tax exempt status. The group decided that since it has been several years since we used a tax ID# or our tax exempt status that we would get a new tax ID# and reapply for tax exemption.

In new business, Officer Griffin said she spoke to Nita, a CPA with Paul Wells' office about getting a tax ID# and about getting tax exemption. She also called the IRS and a recording said that we would lose our tax exempt status if nothing was filed within three years. Nita said to get a new tax ID# we would need to fill out a SS4 EIN form and to file annually it would be on a 990 N EPOST card, as long as we take in under \$50,000. She said that to get a new tax ID, the IRS requires \$400.00 and CPA charges would be \$100.00-150.00. Chaplain Seibel made a motion that we pay not to exceed \$700.00 to the tax exemption and tax ID and CPA services.

Officer Brown motioned to close out our small CD and put it into our checking account.

Member John Watts discussed the Flag Roll of Honor. Officer Brown made a motion that member Watts check with the organization to see if our post information can be put on it. Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion.

During new business it was suggested we check with other posts to see how they take in money for their post so the community can be better served. Chaplain Seibel said that most posts give an Americanism award and suggested we look into that and ask our 1st District Commander Andy Lowen.

Commander Don Karasek said we need to have our 1st round of nominations of officers. The positions open are adjutant and Vice Commander. Current Officers were nominated to hold their positions and member John Watts was suggested to be Vice Commander. Member Watts said he wants to look into

the position more and Commander Karasek said we would discuss it more at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with a prayer given by Chaplain Seibel and dinner was served.