

Meeting Date: 2016.11.08 (November)

We met at the **Road House Diner** at 6pm. There were 11 people present that included 5 officers, 3 other members and 3 visitors.

Commander Don Karasek opened the meeting and Chaplain Seibel lead the prayer. The flags were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble were lead by Commander Karasek.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Officer Stephanie Griffin. Officer Keith Brown moved the minutes be accepted and Vice Commander John Watts seconded it.

Old business was discussed.

Chaplain Seibel said he has not heard back from any high school regarding the scholarship program.

He also had American Legion business cards for our post and passed them out to be distributed to area businesses and individuals.

Vice Commander Watts said he made phone calls on behalf of our post and Jeramy Preston and Horace Garner expressed a desire to join our post. He stated that Jim Gatlin lives in Bagwell and John Long, from Savannah, Mo. are to be local post members.

Officer Griffin contacted Ken Carlucci and Chet Cook, who were former members of our post, and invited them to attend our next meeting.

Officer Brown stated that he spoke to member Mr. Lewis on 5th St and Mr. Lewis said that he would try to attend the next meeting. Officer Brown also stated that Navy Vet, Ms. Dollar said that she may already have a member card.

Chaplain Seibel said he contacted Mike Vehee about attending meetings.

Member Michael Hanlon said the **Elks Club** serves a free breakfast for vets the 3rd Saturday of every month and he suggested it be an excellent place to hand out our post business cards. He also stated **Denney's** has a free breakfast for veterans on Veteran's Day and offers 10% discount with a show of a veteran's card, on other meals. He also stated that **Home Depot** gives a 10% discount with a veteran's card.

New business was that John Long be accepted into our American Legion post. Commander Karasek moved Mr. Long be accepted into our post and Chaplain Seibel 2nd it.

It was set that on Friday at 12 noon Vice Commander Watts, Commander Karasek and Officer Griffin meet at **Liberty Bank** so VC Watts can sign a signature card. It should be noted that meeting was canceled by Officer Griffin due to dental work.

Commander Karasek said he has not heard from the **Oak Ridge Boys** but stated he sent an email to the fan club of **Willy Nelson** to see if they would be will to donate a signed guitar or anything else that we could use to raise funds for our post.

It was noted there will be a ceremony at the **RRV Memorial** Friday on Veteran's Day.

Member Michael Hanlon said to get a paver stone at the **RRV Memorial** there is an office on Colleigete & Clarksville street in the shopping center. Vice Commander Watts said he could get an application for the pavers. Member Hanlon said the pavers can be paid out and they are \$300.00 each.

Vice Commander Watts said he could get tickets for the 57 Chevy raffle if anyone is interested. He also said he check about our post paver and said it has not yet been made but is due to be made soon.

Because the **Paris \$10,000** drawing will be held on Dec.13 Officer Brown suggested our next meeting to be Dec.20. VC Watts moved the meeting change be made and Chaplain Seibel 2nd it.

Commander Karasek had a paper he read from about **Meals on Wheels** and **Christmas Wish List** for the elderly included a need for coats, slippers, body wash and bath soap. He said there are 800 people to be delivered to this year. He stated he would volunteer and call on people to volunteer. He stated it was in last Friday's paper.

Commander Karasek brought military newspapers to the meeting for members.

Officer Brown made a \$ 40.00 donation which was offered after the reading of the financial report.

Officer Brown moved the meeting be adjourned and Vice Commander Watts 2nd it.

Chaplain Seibel lead the prayer and dinner was served.