



FLAGLER POST 115
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
23 OCT 2023
1800 hrs.

IHOP Restaurant Meeting Room, Palm Coast

Call to Order: Cdr. Werner - 1800hrs

Opening Prayer: Adj. Owens

Roll Call: Adj. Owens

Excused: Leahy, Beier, Johnson, Beier, Holt, Work, Thorpe

Invited Guest: n/a

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Adj Owens

- 25 SEP Exec. meeting and 9 OCT general membership meeting minutes offered. Motion and 2nd for approval and submission to membership @ the 13 NOV meeting, no discussion, unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

- Cdr. Werner –
 - Christmas Party Planning – Grand Haven Monday DEC 11, 2023.
 - 1600 finger foods and open bar
 - 1700 Dinner
 - Free to Legion Family member (AL, AUX, SAL) - \$35 others
 - No tickets – Past Cdr. Pepin to collect names and \$\$ mailed to his home.
 - CRUISERS CHAPTER – awaiting further info from Dept. of FL.
 - Omer Smith stated desire to chair.
 - Program Chairs and committees
 - 3rd VC Campbell would like to chair Boy Scouts since he is chair for the 17th District – Adj. Owens will submit appointment to Dept.
 - RJ & Donna Card have agreed to chair Media Outreach and will form a committee.
 - Historian Holt has resigned due to health issues – Cdr. Werner to ask past historian Boyd to step in again.

- 17th District Christmas Party – 9 DEC @ Post 259 Debarry – 1400-1600.
 - Post 115 will purchase a ticket package for \$150 and pass around to those members that want to attend.
- Cdr. Werner proposed a “Memorial Brick Program” – Post 115 will begin purchasing bricks honoring members that pass away to be placed at our site in Heroes Park.
 - Motion, 2nd made to start this program, no discussion, unanimous approval. Either use Cdr. Discretionary Funds or go to membership to create a budget line item.
 - Note that to date Post 115 has made \$\$ in brick sales.
- 1st VC Dean –
 - BE THE ONE CAMPAIGN – Suicide Prevention needs to be emphasized.
 - Post 115 Blood Donor Program, as chair he will be working with the other local VSOs to better promote an event.
 - Possible date 14 FEB 2024 – Valentines Day.
 - Membership update –
 - 300 members paid 2024 – 68.49% of 438 goal.
 - RECRUIT AT THE REMEMBERING HEROES event.
- 2nd VC Leahy – excused
 - Planning on four (4) delegates from the high schools for the 2024 Boys State.
- 3rd VC Campbell –
 - Fundraising –
 - Quilt Raffle Sales
 - 29 booklets sold so far.
 - Lollipop Drive / Special Olympics Drive ongoing.
- Adj. Owens –
 - Dept of FL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE
 - 14-17 DEC 2023 – 10 NOV submission date.
 - Proposal that Fin. Off. Ophelia Beier attends has been nixed due to health issues.
 - 3rd VC Campbell has applied and been accepted tonight, and Cdr. Werner also wishes to attend since it was determined by Dept to accept multiple slots from a post.
 - \$300 Tuition p/p – room & food to be paid for by Post.
 - Rec’d VFW hall schedule Sep. – Dec. - available for those interested.
 - SUN 29 OCT “Remembering Heroes” Festival @ Town Center 1000-1700
 - Post 115 display will be there with Quilt Raffle sales, Membership recruitment for Legion Family – AL/SAL/AUX/ALR

- Help will be needed – 4 for set-up 0830 – others throughout the day. Who’s available??
 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAGLER BEACH has invited us to attend their 4 NOV 2023 Veterans’ Remembrance Mass & Awards Ceremony 1100 hrs.
 - Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church, 915 Central Ave. Flagler Beach – 1100hrs.
- Finance Officer Ophelia Beier – excused
 - Current report was sent for review.
 - 10 NOV 2023 Post 115 Dinner Dance update.
 - All but 5 of 100 tickets have been sold.
 - 3rd VC Campbell will have the Quilt Raffle and quilt displayed.
- J.A Middleton –
 - 2023 Constitution and By-Laws rewrite recap.
 - Proposed Amendments were presented and voted upon @ 9 Oct 2023 meeting – unanimous approval for submission to Dept. of FL.
 - Again, reviewed the document and found a few spelling or wording errors and presented for correction and accepted by this committee tonight for submission to Dept. of FL by Adj. Owens.
 - Discussed some items that we need to adhere to as a Post and will pass along those items.
- Chaplain Johnson – excused
 - Post Everlasting – none
 - Sick Call – Pastor John, Helen Johnson, Bill Goss, Michaela Sipes
 - 12 NOV 2023 Veterans Day Services @ Christ Lutheran Church 1000.
 - 4 Chaplains Date set for 3 FEB 2024.
- Service Officer Lydon –
 - Next VAC meeting 6 NOV 1600hrs.
 - Veterans Day Parade, Ceremony, Picnic all on schedule to occur.
 - Univ. North Fl. is asking for 100-200 veterans to participate in a study using a fit bit – contact Service Officers Lydon or Flores for more info.
- VAC Thorpe – n/r
- Sgt/Arms Edward Beier – n/r
- Historian Holt – n/r
- Past Cdr. Pepin –
 - At the 17th District meeting it was mentioned that there may be a \$5 dues increase next year – more to come at the Fall Conference.
 - SAT 4 NOV 1100 – WHITE TABLE CEREMONY presented by the Embry Riddle ROTC Cadets honoring our POW/MIA – event to be @ the Palm Coast Library, Belle Terre & Palm Coast Pkwy.

- ALR Dir. Rothenberger -
 - October has been the Dept. of FL Merry-Go-Round month – 3 or more riders are needed and each chips in \$5, then we ride to visit posts inside and outside of the district plus other VSOs – both 7 & 14 OCT we visited many posts and the \$\$ donated goes to the Dept. of FL Children & Youth Programs.
 - Chapter 115 currently owns the 17th District Trophy Cup – another Chapter may visit us during our regular meeting to capture the trophy from us. So far we’ve had it for over 2 years.
- SAL Adj. Campbell –
 - SAL is @ 105% membership currently and shooting for more.
 - Dues increase from \$15 to \$25 effective 1 JUL 2024 being discussed and soon to be voted upon by members.
 - SAL Constitution & By-Laws being reviewed by Adj. Campbell.
- Member @ Large McNamara –
 - 3rd Tuesday every month @ Daytona Beach VA Clinic passing our coffee and fruit 0800 – 1100 – come join the fun.
- Member @ Large Work – n/r
- AUX Pres. Thorpe – n/r

Old Business:

- GOLF TOURNEY –
 - Recap of event discussion and dispersion of golf tourney funds among Legion Family discussion. Total income of \$9,681.29 to be divided as follows – Post 115 \$6,231.29 - ALR Chapter 115 \$2,400 – AUX Unit 115 \$800 – SAL Sq. 115 \$250.

New Business: none

For the Good of The Order:

- VFW Post 8696 now serving breakfast on Sundays 0900 – 1300.
- Note from Adj. Owens
 - Giving notice of resignation as Post 115 Adjutant effective 30 June 2024.

Closing Prayer: Adj. Owens

Adjournment Cdr. Werner @ 1910

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary M Owens, Adj. Post 115