



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting – March 21, 2017

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the main hall of Post 201 by Commander Dennis Turner. The colors were in place and prayer was offered by Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway. All officers and Executive Committee members were present except Sr VC Bob Shafer and JA Charles Turner who were excused. A special guest was the Ninth District commander Geoff Toman who gave his thanks for our excellent program in memory of PC Gerald Lynch. He also gave a short tribute to Gerald and NiNi for their contributions to the Legion, Auxiliary and veterans in general. He also issued an invite to this weekend's Spring Conference, highlighting Legion College and the keynote by the leading candidate for Department commander. He talked of the importance of membership and thanked Post 201 membership chair Tom Billings for his efforts.

The minutes of the February 2017 Executive Committee and regular meetings were approved.

REPORTS

Membership – Membership Chair Tom Billings reported that membership stood at 750 which is 90% of our goal of 830. He presented four new members and one transfer for membership. All were approved unanimously.

Finance – Finance Officer Fred Swyters reported that account balances as of February 28th, 2017, were as follows:

Club House account	\$6,391.46	Post	\$15,776.63
Bingo	7,206.21	Baseball	8,643.79
Walk of Memories	5,724.93	Cash on Hand	6,700.00
TOTAL \$50,443.02			

The Finance officer noted that we had expenses pending for our ASCAP licensing fees and insurance renewal.

Baseball – Commander Turner gave a brief overview of upcoming games and communications with Triple Crown Sports.

Bingo – No report.

Children & Youth – Jr VC Lisa Dernovich told of plans for the Post's upcoming Easter Egg treasure hunt. There will be 1500 eggs hidden.

Scouting – Scouting Liaison Ed Holben reported that the Troop just came back from camp at Woodruff and results of the various competitions will be in soon. He says the troop has grown to about 60 scouts with the addition of eight new scouts who moved up from Cub scouting.

Boys State – Chair Ken Christian reported that he has one application and two more are on the way.

Old Soldiers Day – No report.



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Oratorical competition – Chair Ed Holben recapped this year’s contest with four talented competitors, one of whom went on to the next level. It was very interesting and lessons were learned that will be useful next year.

Service Officer – 9th District Commander Toman said that he will be sending out a notice on service officer training opportunities and for PR officer training.

SAL Commander Derek Garmon - said that the SAL membership was at 60% of their 210 goal. He also told of their fish fry scheduled for April 7th. He also said that they had a new finance officer – Kevin Solik – who will assume the duties of the late Rick Gimpel.

PR Chair – PC Marty Farrell asked for input from committee chairs for use in local media.

Old Business

None

New Business

SAL Executive Committee member Chris Anderson said that there was a long-standing challenge of making sure our national flag was raised and lowered in accordance with protocol; e.g., holidays, half-staff honors, etc. He volunteers to take responsibility for the proper raising and lowering of the highly-visible flag.

Good of the Legion

The traveling Wall of Heroes – a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Wall, will be on display in Johns Creek from Mar 29 through April 2 sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM with prayer and honors to the National Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant