



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

General Meeting – June 20, 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 being in place prayer was offered by Jr VC Lisa Dernovich due to the excused absence of Chaplain Past Commander Martha Conway. Also excused were Sr VC Bob Shafer and Finance Officer Fred Swyters. The minutes of the May regular meeting were approved. Judge Advocate Charles Turner questioned the minutes of the June Executive Committee which seemed to indicate a lack of coordination between his Walk of Memories activities and the those of the House Committee. A motion was made to withdraw that item from the executive committee minutes. During discussion, the adjutant spoke to the good work JA Turner was doing both in fund raising and maintenance and there appeared to be a failure to communicate. The motion passed and the minutes were approved minus the item in question.

REPORTS

Membership – Membership Chair Tom Billings reported that membership stood at 776 which is 93% of our goal of 830. He presented five applicants – Ed Distler, Rob Horstman, James Strong, Asif Sakhyam, and Martin Willis - and two transfers – Andrew Green and George Hallock - for membership. All were approved unanimously.

Scholarships – Chair Tom Billings then announced that the Post had awarded four \$1000 scholarships to worthy students from Roswell, Milton, and Flowery Branch High Schools. The four are Susan Brown, Lucas Dolvie, Eric Martinez, and Zachary Wiley-Hardin. Payments will be made to their respective colleges in two installments.

Finance – In the absence of Finance Officer Fred Swyters, the Adjutant posted the following figures as of May 31, 2017 for the record:

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| Club House account | \$4,250.82 | Post | \$11,017.47 |
| Bingo | 5,512.39 | Baseball | 14,304.54 |
| Walk of Memories | 4,253.19 | Cash on Hand | 6,900.00 |

TOTAL \$46,238.41

Baseball- Baseball Chair Brad Baker being absent, Commander Dennis Turner said that baseball is very busy and that Triple Crown Sports will be playing here this coming weekend.

Bingo – The commander announced that Kenneth Oldham will be taking on overall responsibility for the bingo program.

Boys State – Chair Ken Christian said that the Post had sponsored five candidates for this year's Boys State program. He said we'll be getting feedback shortly.

Boy Scouts – Scouting coordinator Ed Holben reported that our Troop 51 was at summer camp. He then presented the Post with a check for \$722.62 which is a donation of surplus contributions for the latest Eagle project, the new fire pit near the BBQ pavilion. Future Eagle projects include the modernization of the horseshoe pits.



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Food Committee – Chair Winston Brunn gave special thanks to ALA member Karen Hicks for the meal she provided tonight. The membership gave her a round of applause.

Walk of Memories (WOM) – WOM chair JA Charles Turner said that he was getting memorialization bricks made but needed a greater number as the maker won't do very small orders. He also said that our local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will be hosting a member's cookout on July 7th in conjunction with a visiting contingent of MOPH dignitaries. A brief discussion of mutual projects such as flag retirements with the Scouts was held.

Old Soldiers Day – Executive Committee chair Jay Coleman, a longtime mainstay of Old Soldiers Day said that starting tomorrow (June 21) the planning committee will meet weekly until the event is held on Aug. 5. He said they badly need marshals for the parade; he showed a list of 54 volunteers from 2008 – now the number has sunk to just eight.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) – SAL commander Derek Garmon said that they ended the membership year with 172 members, 82% of their goal of 209. He gave preliminary details of their first annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament to be held in September as well as their fish fry on July 7th. He also proudly noted that our SAL was awarded First Place in Children & Youth Activities and First Place in Americanism at the recent department convention.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Legion

Jr VC Lisa Dernovish reported on her mission to increase our partnership with the city of Alpharetta on events such as Fourth of July fireworks. She said the city had agreed to add us to their certificate of insurance for the Independence Day events for which we provide overflow parking and other amenities

JA Charles Turner mentioned that the MOPH ceremonial truck will be here on July 7th in conjunction with their cookout.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with prayer and honors to the National Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant