



The American Legion - Hopewell Memorial Post 146

General Membership Meeting

July 14, 2019

Summaries of Previous Meetings

June 18th General Membership and July 2nd Executive Committee Meetings

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a. June 18th General Membership Meeting:

The usually scheduled June 18th General Membership Meeting was not held as the Installation of Officers Meeting was conducted on June 22nd. Of particular note, however was the special 'Commanders Call' held on Monday, June 17th in honor of outgoing Post Commander Dennis Hubbes. Many members were present at this unofficial gathering to honor Commander Hubbes for his many years of service to the Post and the American Legion.

b. July 2nd Executive Committee Meeting:

1. Officer Reports:

- Membership (1st Vice): Some members have already submitted dues for the 2019-2020 Legion Year, but they cannot be processed until submission procedures and 2020 membership cards are received from Department.
- Americanism/ Children & Youth Progs (2nd Vice):
 - All Boys State Candidates, Jacen Fowlkes, Wyatt Jackson, and Denim Mason, completed Boys State.
 - Lindsey Shank, who we sponsored in this year's Youth Law Enforcement Program, will speak at the August 20th general membership meeting
- Bingo (3rd Vice): License renewal underway. New locks for the front and rear Post entrances are required because Diamond Lock Service, the locksmith in Hopewell went out of business and we can no longer obtain replacement keys to the special locks the company installed. It was recommended that the Post purchase new locks for the front and rear entrance from Ducks Locksmithing, Inc., Colonial Heights. The replacements will cost \$279.34 and purchase includes 14 new keys. The new locks qualify for purchase using BINGO funds.

- Action: A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to purchase new locks for the front and back doors at the Post in an amount not to exceed \$300.00.
- Post Finances (Fin Off): Beginning balance was \$90,000. Gross Receipts for all accounts: \$85,528. Expenditures: \$81,440. Pending Checks: \$7,122, with a net end of month balance for June of \$89,789.
 - Chaplain: Lee Kilby successfully underwent cardiac surgery. He's on the mend and back at the Post. John Visconti is convalescing from surgery and has been coming to the Post for lunch. Clyde Smith is undergoing chemotherapy.
 - House Committee: The House Committee is developing better ways to gauge and analyze Club Room performance. The first step is to establish a baseline for performance. The House Committee believes that such data will help them better oversee Club Room performance and give the full Executive Committee more and better information about that performance. The committee plans to present these reports quarterly and are looking to include other information that will give the Executive Committee more and better knowledge on which to base Club Room-related decisions.
 - Sgt-at-Arms: The U.S. Senate just passed the Legion Act (S.504) to expand eligibility for membership in the American Legion to all veterans, regardless of when they served. Members are encouraged to contact their Members of Congress expressing their support for this initiative. The House has a similar bill pending (H.1641) which contains similar wording:

“It is the sense of Congress that, in accordance with the history, tradition, and purposes of The American Legion, it is fair, proper, and reasonable that the privilege of membership in The American Legion should be extended to all military personnel who served on active military duty during all of the unrecognized war eras involving active United States military personnel.”
2. Donation Requests (Adjutant/Donation Coordinator): No requests were presented.

3. Correspondence (Adj):

- a. "Thank You" letter from First Christian Church for sponsoring a hole (\$100) at their annual Madalon Lane Memorial Golf Tournament.
- b. "Thank You" letter from Dr. Melody Hackney, Ed. D., Superintendent of Hopewell City Schools for the Post's donation in support of a joint choir event and special presentation for Black History Month.
- c. "Thank You" letter from Ms. Tara Anderson, Executive Director, Freedom Support Center in Petersburg for the Post's recent donation of \$1,800 (see attachment).

4. Unfinished (Old) Business:

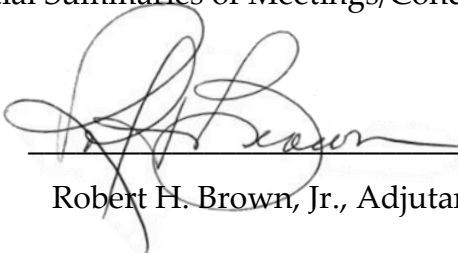
- a. Proposed revisions to the Post Constitution and By-Laws: (JA) Neither the JA nor the Post Adjutant have received questions about or suggested changes to the draft Constitution or By-Laws presented at the May General membership meeting.
- b. Key FOBS: New key FOBS were ordered and received however they did not work with our system and were returned to the vendor. New FOBS are on order and are due by next week.
- c. Quarterly New Member Orientation: Scheduled for July 16th at 6:00 pm. There will be some logistical changes to the way orientation is done this time (e.g., seating arrangements will be different) but the same basic program will be followed as appears in *The American Legion Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies*.

5. New Business: No new business was presented.

6. Good of the Legion:

- Computer Training: Tech For Troops will again present computer training Tuesday, August 13th starting at 5:30 pm
- Suggestion Box: Bringing the Suggestion Box back. Even though we may receive some silly or nuisance comments, it may be, in the long run, beneficial.

Official Summaries of Meetings/Conduct of Business is attested by the undersigned.



Robert H. Brown, Jr., Adjutant

Letter from Ms. Tara Anderson, Executive Director, Freedom Support Center in Petersburg.

Dear American Legion Post 146,

We truly appreciate all you do to support Veterans in need! Your recent contribution in the amount of \$1,800 went to immediate use for assistance Friday 14 June!

① Veteran (male) discharged from VA facility Alexandria needing to return to Roanoke otherwise would be homeless.

② Veteran (male) utility payment delinquent resulted in water shut off notice. Individual recently lost job and knew to come visit center for help.

③ Veteran (male) with spouse, service dog and 1yr old son with ADHD diagnosis living in vehicle. Unable to access services other places for 2 weeks. Visited center and received immediate assistance. They were temporarily housed via hotel and move in to their apartment this Friday.

Your contributions are directly used for the Veteran and/or family member. Thank you beyond words!

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