



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
July 17, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Thank you for all the support this past year!
- IV. Installation of 2014-15 Officers**
 - a. Induction of Board of Directors: D. Smith swore in new 2014-2015 president L. McMahon. L. McMahon swore in new 2014-2015 officers K. Fritz, R. Elser, S. Huckfeldt, P. Miesner and D. Kaesberg.
- V. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 16 members present
 - b. Minutes: R. Elser made a motion to approve the June 19th meeting minutes; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Rockford Mutual – Building & Business Property insurance policy
 - ii. Regional Leadership – Save the Date Notice – Friday Sept 5th, 7-10am, Regional Leadership Breakfast, Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam, Modoc IL – Friday, Oct 3rd, 8am-3pm, Randolph County Economic Development Summit, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, Evansville IL
 - iii. Marisa Food Mart – June 2014 Statement - \$204.73
 - iv. County Journal – June 2014 Statement - \$18.00
 - v. Shaw True Hardware – June 2013 Statement - \$20.00
 - vi. Marissa Post Office – PO Box Fee Notice - \$68.00
 - vii. Checks – Heil-Schuessler Funeral Home (dues \$65); Susan Berner (Tootin' Around Marissa \$20); Ed Cockrell (Golf Hole Sponsor \$50) and SCH (Golf Hole Sponsor \$50)
 - viii. Request from Larry @ County Journal to send photo of new officers to them
 - ix. Rachael Phelps sent thank you letter along with a copy of her acceptance letter to SIU-Edwardsville and her fall semester class registration as required as part of the scholarship acceptance.
- VI. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. J. Wright made a motion to approve the July 2014 Treasurer's Report; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - b. Need to transfer funds from Village Bank for monies earmarked for funding the office building project. R. Elser made a motion to transfer \$3,000 from Village Bank into operating budget for office building project; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
- VII. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Building – Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. D. Wright – AmerenIP and Tommy Thompson will be at Chamber office to turn on power and see what happens; next step will be to turn the water on, call has been

made to Chandler Plumbing to be there when the city turns on as has been off for 10 years.

- ii. J. Wright - front door key – quote from Metro Lock \$90 service call and \$2 per key plus cost of lock. Estimate \$200 for new tumbler with keys; will set appointment for next week to have this done
 - iii. D. Wright - dental cabinets etc coming out first and slowly, hoping to sell them on eBay or Craig's list. Will give 30 days, if don't sell then would like to get a vote to take them to Auction and try to move that way and use the money to help offset costs of renovation. Taking everything apart very slowly and saving as much as can; front portion to be 20x20 when done; can't put 2 bathrooms back in and make ADA compliant, will have to be just 1. Last room on right will be the "security office" for all records and locked. Plywood was put over back door to prevent kids from breaking in but it works. Both projects can be done simultaneously to have the building useable by the Toast. Soon as have lights will get started.
- b. Coal Festival** [June 12, 13, 14] – C. DeMange
- i. Bingo Stand - profit \$911.90 final number.
 - ii. All wristbands have been paid; Eastern Star came back and made donation; still waiting for Girl Scout check
 - iii. Sorority has voted to not do the shake up stand next year due to lack of workers. Too many people out in June, so offering their services to the Bingo stand.
- c. Finance** – R. Elser
- i. End of Year analysis being looked at; may present at next meeting.
- d. Golf Tournament** [June 28th] – S. Cross
- i. Very successful tournament weather cooperated. Had 11 teams. Debbie did a good job on the meal. Made \$2,746.50. Had 6 volunteers working on day of, really need 8. Same time next year - last Saturday in June.
- e. Membership/Welcoming** – K. Wright
- i. No new members
 - ii. Dues letters sent out; still have quite a few that are outstanding; sending reminders in August.
 - iii. P. Miesner has someone who would like to join but couldn't attend tonight; K. Wright gave him an application to give to them.
- f. Movies & More** – D. Smith
- i. No Report
- g. PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
- i. July Yard of the Month has been posted on website – Bob O'Rear and Shirley Blaine on Sunrise Drive
 - ii. SCH sent flier re physicals that has been posted on website
 - iii. Working to get all the meeting notes posted on the website
 - iv. Concerning the marijuana facility – Chamber did not make a statement concerning the proposed medicinal marijuana center but people have been posting about it on our Facebook page
 - v. K. Wright asked about making it more prominently known that the Chamber does the Yard of the Month.
 - vi. IL Tourism Bureau – Sept 5th deadline for holiday ad placement; it's very expensive 1/16th of page \$320
 - vii. Elser Interactive Solutions maintains the Chamber website; billing cycle is June-July – submitting 2014-15 website maintenance bill for \$1,200. R. Elser made a motion to pay the \$1,200 bill for the 2014-15 cycle; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.
- h. Shooting Complex Liaison** – K. Wright

- i. Doesn't understand what is expected of her. Basically just keep up with what's going on out there and letting us know.
- i. **Toast of Marissa** [Nov 8] – J. Wright
 - i. Meeting scheduled for next month. Will have report at next meeting.
- j. **Tootin Around** [Sept 27th] – K. Wright
 - i. 2 people signed up. Need workers for the water stops. SCH sponsoring. K. Wright contacted SCH to do the chili, opened up to Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts and FFA. They pay \$5 and get a ticket for lunch and wear their own insignia showing who they are with. Helmets First is participating again. Have 15-16 helmets left from last year. K. Norton & K. Wright have talked to a gentleman about fixing some bikes that K. & D. Wright picked up that had been thrown away. K. Fritz has a couple that she would like to donate. Trying to come up with something the kids would have to do to earn the bike.
- k. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Sewer projects should be finished by end of month
 - ii. Road construction should then start; don't drive on for 24 hours
 - iii. Park – skating rink and basketball court - ordered sealer to seal those up
 - iv. Money left from sewer project is being used to try getting equipment needed for upkeep of the system and for items that were broken during the process
 - v. Steve Larimore resigned from Police Dept. July 7th taking a position with Chester. Have only 2 full time officers at this time – Chief Tom Prather and Jimmy Perrin. Working on hiring someone now.
 - vi. Waste Management is mad and the city is about to loose the recycle center located at the city shed due to people putting trash in the containers instead of only recyclables and it won't be coming back; recycling center is for anybody, not just towns people.
 - vii. Dumpster in back of shed for yard waste (city residents only); 3 dumpsters back there for city trash
 - viii. Looking at putting up better cameras for city shed and park to try to help alleviate some of the problems at both locations
 - ix. St Clair County Park Grant to be used for ball diamond t-ball stand pavilion and sidewalks
 - x. EPA cited the Village because no emergency plan in tact to their new standards; being worked on
 - xi. Fire dept will not and is not going to fill any swimming pool in town
- l. **Yard of the Month** – M. Minks
 - i. Bob O'Rear and Shirley Blaine on Sunrise Drive

VIII. Old Business

- a. Diva's Day Out – painting wine glasses; go online and print out form and send it in
- b. Saturday Rummage Sale at Sr. Center; Bake Sale and Lunch stand
- c. Sunday HS open house

IX. New Business

- a. 1st Sat Dec – Secret Santa – benefits Food Pantry – Sorority has scheduled an event that night (Cosmic Bingo at Bull Pen in N.A.) move to Sat Nov 29th

X. Attendance Raffle

American Legion Auxiliary was selected and won \$26. Congratulations!

XI. Adjourn

- a. C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; second by D. Kaesberg. Motion carried.