



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
October 16, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Welcome new member Larry Hockmueth, Sparky's Club 21
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 18 members present
 - b. Minutes: R. Elser made a motion to approve the September 18th meeting minutes; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Membership Application: J&T Caliber, Sparta and Newwave Communication, DuQuoin
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. D. Rushing made a motion to approve the September 2014 Treasurer's Report; second by C. White. Motion carried.
 - b. Financial Statement – reconciliation on one side [deposits and payouts] for September; other side budget analysis used for budget line item; R. Elser went over items on statement and answered questions.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. Restroom being worked on and will be useable by Toast; due to ADA codes and concerns, the location of the restroom had to be changed from original floor plan.
 - ii. Flooring and Garage Door – these items were not included in the budget; a fund raiser will have to be held to cover these expenses
 - iii. Getting bids now to install the drop ceiling grids
 - b. **Citywide Yard Sale/Krispy Kremes** [Oct 11] – S. Huckfeldt
 - i. Thank you to volunteers: Marilyn Blank, Barb Lake, Jim McMahon, Ron Huckfeldt and Kathy Wright for coming out and helping sell donuts 7am-10:30am
 - ii. No traffic before 8:30am - Sold 150 doz donuts; \$1,092 – 525 (cost) = \$567 profit
 - iii. 22 signed up for yard sale map; \$110 – 80 County Journal ad = \$30 profit
 - c. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. Budget – 2014-15 proposed – under expenses Coal Festival comment should say \$500 and \$300; Under Movies & More line item should be under Krispy Kreme; special circumstances highlighted in yellow; Corporate sponsor paid sponsorship early it was accounted for in last years budget; same happened with membership (aprx \$2,000)
 - ii. S. Minks made a motion to approve the 2014-15 Proposed Budget; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
 - iii. Submitted annual report to state; saved \$400 by R. Elser and R. Owens completing.
 - iv. Audit committee – Coal Festival / Float / Bingo - will be done for 2013-14 year
 - v. Albert Hamilton Charitable Trust – due within next 45 days – need someone to chair – project that would benefit both chamber and the community – 1 idea has been to add an LED sign at the other end of town

- d. **Membership/Welcoming** – D. Rushing
 - i. No report
- e. **Movies & More** (Oct 10) – D. Smith
 - i. Due to pending inclement weather event was moved to the Jr/Sr High school. The Principal was very accommodating; 20 kids in attendance; showed Lego Movie and gave away Lego set
- f. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. Over 1,000 (1,016) friends on FB
 - ii. Website up to date
 - iii. LED sign up to date; let us know when you hear of something coming up; will do personal messages but do ask for a donation to the Food Pantry
 - iv. New logo for 10th anniversary
 - v. New printer prints wonderfully
- g. **Secret Santa Crawl** [Nov 29] – K. Fritz
 - i. Bus is secured; finalizing sign up sheet
- h. **Shooting Complex Liaison** – K. Wright
 - i. There's a lot going on out there! They're building a museum out there.
 - ii. Suggestion made that we talk to Sparta Chamber about something to do to get word out about recreation camping facilities out there
- i. **Toast of Marissa** [Nov 8] – J. Wright
 - i. Color posters printed to put outside of Marissa area; smaller fliers to put up around town
 - ii. Pinckneyville Parade next Saturday Oct 25th
- j. **Grape Stomp 5-K** [Nov 8] – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - i. No report
- k. **Tootin' Around** [Sept 27] – K. Wright
 - i. 80 people; 2 people to take over Pam & John Baker; Kathy will assist
 - ii. Looking to have a chili cook-off but in a different way; more later
 - iii. Made almost \$800 profit
- l. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Main Street Garage business license approved
 - ii. Landing pad put in for handicap for fitness center
- m. **Yard of the Month** – M. Minks
 - i. Oct – won't know until 15th

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Trunk or Treat [Oct 24] – Kathy doing Frozen theme; Kathy make motion to spend \$200 for treats for event; Randy 2nd; motion carried.
- b. Randy – 2015 calendar due to Tourism Bureau – Jan 24 Annual Dinner; May 2 CW Yd Sale; Jun 11-13 Picnic; June 27 Golf Tourn; Fall - Tootin/Chili; Oct 10 CW Yd Sale; Nov 14 Toast
- c. Casey's General Store – Benefit for St Judes – make chili as business they'll sell at \$1 to raise money for the benefit on Friday 10/24 – 10 am – 4 pm --- K. Wright made a motion to approve \$50 be donated to Casey's for St. Jude's; second by L. Hockmuth. Motion carried.

IX. Attendance Raffle

Stacey Gilley was selected, but not present. \$16 will roll over to the next meeting. [\$0 last month]

X. Adjourn

- a. C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; second by D. Smith. Motion carried.