



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
February 19, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. D. Smith called meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Welcome Lisa Wright.
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 13 members present
 - b. Minutes: R. Elser made a motion to approve the January 15th meeting minutes; second by G. Laskowski. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence: Donation requests
 - i. Special Education Life Skills Program - annual Special Needs Dance, April 24th R. Elser made a motion to donate \$50 for the Special Needs Dance; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
 - ii. 8th Grade Graduation Party – being held at the Shooting Complex R. Elser made a motion to donate \$50 for the 8th Grade Graduation party; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
 - iii. High School After-Prom – All night lock-in Sun, Apr 27, midnight to 6:30am at The Edge in Belleville R. Elser made a motion to donate \$100 for the High School After-Prom party; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. K. Wright made a motion to approve the January 2015 Treasurer's Report; second by C. DeMange. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Annual Dinner** – [Jan 24] – D. Smith
 - i. \$130.86 loss; however, attendance was up over last year. Will look at budget and try to at least break even next year.
 - b. **Anniversary Celebration Ad Hoc** – K. Fritz (report given by R. Elser)
 - i. Working on design. 12 new banners and 8 brackets will be purchased using the Alberta Hamilton Grant received for that purpose.
 - ii. J. Wright has brackets at the shop, just need to cut the banner pipe. He will need 10 foot of 3/4" black pipe. R. Elser will have K. Fritz get in touch with J. Wright.
 - c. **By-Law Review Committee** – R. Elser
 - i. No Report
 - d. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. Duct work going in next week; Ameren needs to put gas meter in; M. Vandusen will take care of getting this done.
 - ii. E. Reinhardt nearly finished with mudding and taping
 - iii. Three with community service hours to serve will be working at the office next week with J. Wright
 - iv. Bank shelving has been installed in the storage room and items are organized.

- e. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. **Budget Committee** – still on hold
 - ii. 6 of the 16 outstanding memberships are still not paid
 - iii. In process of moving checking account to Village; D. Peebles wasn't in the office this week and she has the paperwork so have to wait until she's in.
- f. **Membership/Welcoming** – D. Rushing
 - i. No report
- g. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. Community events are up on the ECM
 - ii. Golf Tournament June 20th
 - iii. Spangler Heating and Cooling Fire Dept voting results – Marissa FD won 1st place prize of \$10,000
- h. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Monday Feb 23rd the Academy bldg will be coming down; will not be going back up on existing foundation. At this time it has not been determined where the new building will be built nor the size, etc.
 - ii. S. Park St house – suspected arsonist has been arrested; the insurance company for the property says no one can go on property at this time so the Village's hands are tied at the moment as far as getting the building down. Safety fencing has been placed around the property to keep people out.

VII. Old Business

- a. **2015 Committee Sign-Up** – have committees without a chairman; if don't get volunteers the Board will have to decide either to ask someone to take the position or disband the committee
- b. **Tootin Around Marissa** – John & Pam Baker are willing to chair this event but give report to J. Wright or K. Wright to report back to Chamber meetings.
- c. **Radio Station** – K. Wright does this every month but is unable to next month (March 5th); the format has changed to 1 hour and is 9am-10am the 1st Thursday of the month and can be done from home; P. Miesner volunteered to do the March date.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Coal Festival** – R. Elser
 - i. 2015 theme - "Pirates in the Park"
 - ii. Bingo stand – Friday 6p-10:30p and Saturday 6p-9p; One quilt bingo each night
 - iii. Wrist Band Program - \$5 coupon to Preschool & K-6 kids – need someone to coordinate, K. Neal has been doing this, will check with her to see if wants to continue. K. Wright made a motion to donate \$300 to the program and to put together a committee to go out and get the donations needed for the program; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.

IX. Attendance Raffle

J. Wright was selected and won \$10.

X. Adjourn

- a. M. Vandusen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.; second by R. Geisel. Motion carried.