



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
December 18, 2014**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. No Report
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 20 members present
 - b. Minutes: K. Wright made a motion to approve the November 20th meeting minutes; second by S. Minks. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence:
 - i. Thank you Food Pantry
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. J. Wright made a motion to approve the November 2014 Treasurer's Report; second by C. White. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Annual Dinner** – [Jan 24]– D. Smith
 - i. Theme: Pirates on the Kaskaskia
 - ii. Entertainment: Fertile Soil
 - iii. Location: Bullpen Bar & Grill, New Athens
 - iv. Invitations going out now if need more tickets let Debbie know
 - v. **MVP Award** – D. Smith
 1. Taking nominations now; get applications to D. Smith by 5pm December 22nd
 - b. **Anniversary Celebration Ad Hoc** – K. Fritz
 - i. No Report
 - c. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. Bank donated all shelves; will be able to get those after Christmas
 - ii. Once shelves are in and stuff moved back to them Eric can come back in and finish the dry walling
 - iii. Will be reviewing expenses and budget when D. Wright returns
 - d. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. **Alberta Hamilton Grant** – requesting \$1,500 for banner replacement; will be after 1st of year before know anything
 - ii. After 1st of year Budget Committee will be getting together and doing audit
 - iii. Membership 2014 dues reminders went out
 - e. **Membership/Welcoming** – D. Rushing
 - i. New membership – 112 N. Main – Attorney; Fries
 - f. **PR/Marketing** – R. Elser
 - i. List of officers updated, need current picture of officers; working on adding some other things added; working on landing page and schedule of events – let us know of anything going on so we can add that

- ii. Ad requests from Tourism Bureau – recommend we don't do again this year as we see no benefit
- g. **Secret Santa Crawl** – [Nov 29] – K. Fritz
 - i. 33 paid members on bus; everyone had a great time
 - ii. Food has been picked up and delivered to Food Pantry
- h. **Shooting Complex Liaison** – K. Wright
 - i. NR
- i. **Toast of Marissa** [Nov 8] – J. Wright
 - i. Good turn out / good time / everything went really well / no real issues
 - ii. Made about \$2,000
- j. **Grape Stomp 5-K** [Nov 8] – S. Gilley/S. Wright
 - i. No Report
- k. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Street resolution approved as usual

VII. Old Business

- a. **2015 Committee Sign-Up**
 - i. any committees not chaired will be disbanded
 - ii. Jan meeting will be sign up time!

VIII. New Business

- a. **By-Law Review Committee Appointment**
 - i. L. McMahon asked R. Elser to head this committee he's done this in the past; some things need to be changed and others just updated; anyone who wants to be involved let Randy know; once they are ready they will be reviewed at a meeting and then voted on at the next meeting
- b. **Regions Bank** – what are we doing about accounts since local branch is closing – at the moment no decision has been made but we have been speaking to Village Bank.

IX. Attendance Raffle

Doza Creek Leather and Antiques was selected, but not present. \$45 will roll over to the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

- a. C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.