



**General Membership Meeting
The American Legion Post 172
April 16, 2015**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. L. McMahon called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Mayor Jerry Cross guest speaker – 2017 Marissa's 150th Anniversary – Village is working on a 4-5 year plan. Governor is taking and/or cutting some of our funding. The Mayor is asking for some input from citizens and businesses. Everyone was asked to please write down two lists, one being what you see as positives in the Village and the other the things you believe the Village needs to work on changing in order of most important to least and turn them into Village Hall by the end of the month for their consideration.
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 20 members present
 - b. Minutes: K. Fritz made a motion to approve the March 19th meeting minutes; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence: Donation requests
 - d. Girls Scouts – Cosmic Bingo – fund raiser for scouts to go to Savannah GA and Chicago this summer. 3 troops going to Savannah and 2 to Chicago. Asking for sponsors \$100 or co-sponsor \$50 and any item(s) that can be used as giveaways. K. Wright made a motion to grant the Girls Scouts request for a \$100 donation for their Cosmic Bingo fund raiser; second by K. Fritz. Motion carried.
 - e. Junior/Senior 2015 After Prom Party – Thank you for donation
 - f. Special Needs Class – Thank you for donation to their Special Needs Dance
- V. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. D. Smith made a motion to approve the March 2015 Treasurer's Report; second by D. Rushing. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Anniversary Celebration Ad Hoc** – K. Fritz
 - i. Promo items being ordered, will be on hand for office grand opening, Coal Fest, etc.
 - b. **By-Law Review** – R. Elser
 - i. Committee has gone over half of the By-Laws. Another meeting has been planned for later this month to finish the project.
 - c. **Chamber Office Project** (203 N Main St) – J. Wright
 - i. Walls are painted; ceiling going up this weekend; flooring ready to be shipped
 - d. **Coal Festival** [June 11, 12, 13] – C. DeMange
 - i. Letters have gone out requesting sponsorship for the wristband program. Last year 415 bands were distributed and 267 were used.
 - ii. Bingo Stand: Friday 5:30-10; Saturday 6-9. Sign-up sheet at the May meeting.
 - iii. Float: Committee and anyone who wants to help meet immediately following this meeting tonight. R. Elser made a motion to spend up to \$300 for give-a-ways for the Coal Festival Parade; second by J. Wright. Motion carried.

- e. **Finance** – R. Elser
 - i. Regions account is now closed. All accounts have been moved to Village Bank.
 - ii. 2015 membership dues are due June 1st – invoices going out.
- f. **Golf Tournament** [June 20th] – S. Cross
 - i. Sponsor / Team forms are out – have received 5 back already
 - ii. Citizens Bank is a new sponsor this year
 - iii. Have talked to Chatterbox about price for doing chicken; would like to get Chamber members to make 3 large salads and some deserts
- g. **Membership** – D. Rushing – No Report
- h. **Movies & More** – D. Smith
 - i. Big Hero 6 – May 8th at 8pm; in case of rain will be at High School Commons
- i. **PR/Marketing** – D. Kaesberg
 - i. ECM is updated now; looking for more material for the website; waiting for access to the Facebook page from R. Elser
- j. **Scholarship** [April 3rd] – S. Huckfeldt
 - i. Received 7 applications – 3 boys; 4 girls
- k. **Village Liaison** – J. Wright
 - i. Khoury League contract approved
 - ii. New business: NeyNey's – consignment shop owned by Courtney Lopez on N. Main
- l. **Yard Sale/Krispy Kreme** [May 2nd] – K. Fritz
 - i. April 24th deadline to be on the map

VII. Old Business

- a. **2015-16 Officer Nominations** – nominees will be presented at the May meeting and voted on at the June meeting.
- b. **Rec Area Golf Cart Crawl** [June 6th 4p-7p] – need to plan what to do; suggestion made to tie into bingo at the park the next week
- c. **Sorority giveaways request** – Province Convention; 80-100 attendees; Marissa Chapter hosting; would like promo items to promote Marissa; koozie cups, toast tokens, bags, anything; have stuff at the office, will see what's there

VIII. New Business – No new business

IX. Attendance Raffle

Lydia Latham was selected, but not present. \$95 will roll over to the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

- a. R. Elser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.; second by K. Fritz. Motion carried.