

American Legion Hurst Turner Post 65 Executive Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 6, 2020

Commander Mike Morris called the meeting to order

Opening prayer by Harold Smith

1. Finance Update:

Don Carr gave a finance update. The Post Insurance policy is due on 2/28/20. A budget is being worked on for 2020. We need to send \$10 to Bob Price for the Oratorical Contest.

2. Membership Report:

Benny Wilhelm gave a membership committee meeting update. We have 27 new member transfers.

3. House Report:

We are moving forward on the floor/wall/renovation. An update will be given at the monthly meeting along with a request for volunteers to help scrape the floors and take the walls down. A motion was passed to allocate \$1000 more to the project.

4. Monday Night Meeting:

A. Food – asking members to bring soup. A motion was passed to provide Hot Dogs also. We will need 2 people in the kitchen to set food out. We will need 1 person to keep the drinks stocked. We will need 1 person to do the Raffle table - Benny. We will need help cleaning up at the end of the night. We will charge \$5 per person as they go through the eating room door instead of at sign in. We will give a free meal ticket to those bringing soup or dessert and our guests.

B. Membership Committee Members Shirley Butler and DD will run the Sign In table.

C. We will have a “Biscuit Eater” raffle basket in honor of Evan Parton.

5. Post Everlasting Ceremony:

A. Honorees: Baxter Combs, Charlton Lindler, Evan Parton, Thomas Stanley, Joe Stevenson, and Wayne Ward. Mike picked up the plaque today.

B. Harold, Mark, and Chuck Spangler are part of the ceremony.

C. If possible, need Kenneth Wallace to assist Chuck.

D. Need Benny or Richard to be bugler.

6. Oratorical Contest:

A. Sara Johnson took the win at the District competition and advances to the Division level on Feb 22 at 12 Noon at Post 51 in Concord. You are all invited to attend, and your support is appreciated.

7. 2020 Car Show:

A. Tribute to the Troops representatives are here (Rockie Lynne and Donny Bradley) to propose a partnership with Post 65 on a Car & Bike show/Military Themed Event & Concert on May 2, 2020 tentatively to be call a Great American Get Together. A motion was passed to participate pending discussion with our members at the monthly meeting on 2/10/20.

8. NC Mid-Winter Conference:

A. February 13-15, 2020, at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. National Vice Commander David King will be there. Public Relations Committee will be selecting the Post Website Award – nominate Don.

9. ICVC Riffle Request:

The following motion was submitted after discussion on DAV rifles and was not passed.

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Subject: Motion for Firearms Use (Bob Waters)

Pursuant to the request from the Iredell County Veterans Council for the use of American Legion Post 65's weapons I am making the following motion: That American Legion Post 65 -

1. Allow the use of Post 65's weapons for Burial Detail, Honor Guard, Posting of Colors, or any approved Post activity
2. Appoint Terry Oglethorpe and Richard Cimbres as Post Armorers with keys and combinations to allow them full access to the weapons.
3. Appoint two alternates in case of the inability of Terry or Richard to be available for a funeral. (keys and combinations to be shared only when alternates are needed)
4. Designate the \$35 per funeral to a fund for the upkeep, transportation, ammunition, etc. related to providing said weapons
5. Establish a sign out and sign in log for weapons to provide a record of responsibility and movement
6. Establish a yearly audit of weapons to assure procedures are followed and all weapons are present and accounted for
7. Provide Terry and Richard and alternates a class in the care, maintenance, and loading of weapons (ask Benny Wilhelm, Mark Armstrong or Dick (MCL) to give the class)
8. That said weapons be available to the Post 65 Commander or other officer(s) in charge of approved civic functions by signing weapons out and back in

10. Anything Else

- A. West Iredell JROTC will Post Colors. A motion was passed to present them with a check for \$275 for their help with the BBQ and Car Show.
- B. Benny discussed information about sponsoring a baseball team. More information will be available after Post 113 is contacted.

Meeting adjourned