

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
GOLD STAR POST #78
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order by Director Michael Walden at 7:00 PM

Honors to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Prayer was given by Dan Garrett.

Building was secured by Lannie Smith.

Minutes - Motion to accept minutes as read by Don Purinton and 2nd by Mike Lamas and passed by all.

Financial Report given by Wayne Petty. Motion to accept as read by Don Purinton and 2nd by Rick Jernigan and passed by all.

New Correspondence - Thank you letter from the York VA Center in Murfreesboro for our donation of toiletries, etc. to the Fisher House.

Membership - must be paid by end of the month in order to run for an officer position.

Safety Report - Paul Gish (Road Captain) thanked everyone who helped and attended the Oratorical at the High School. Paul is planning a ride to Crossville to see the museum. They will open the building for us on Saturday since it is normally closed on Saturdays. A lunch at the Cumberland State Park will follow. Date to be determined. Paul is also planning a ride end of July to Sturgis. He can trailer 4 bikes and 1 in the truck. This will be the week before the rally to avoid the congestion. Vendors will be in that week. Ride will be for 5 days and plan on renting a large house and split the cost. Let Paul know if you are interested so he can book the property.

Sick call - Tom (Chief) Mowbray is doing better. Johnny Fielder is better from his recent sickness. Rick Jernigan is doing better. Don Purinton is going through tests and doctor appointments to get to the bottom of his issues. Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers. We need to call Rocky Whray to check on him and get an update on him.

Old Business:

Steve Sember (Fundraising Dinner Committee) asked for help in doing the dinners we have 2nd Saturday of the month. We got help the day of our last dinner on February 9 (Chicken and Dumplings) but we still need help with the pre-work such as advertising, signage and shopping.

Faye Jernigan said she would take the next dinner scheduled for March 9.

The Mid Winter Conference on February 2 and 3 was attended by Paul Gish and Michael Walden. They will be reimbursed for their luncheon as approved in the last meeting.

New Business:

The Mid Winter Conference held February 2 and 3 brought to light new policies going to be installed. Michael Walden reported that he had big concerns about the discussion to have the State control all the Riders group. The State will do one entire set of By-Laws for all groups. We can have Rider Chapter rules but no By-Laws. Each post will have elections in June and the post will send \$3.00 for each member to the State. Of that money \$1 will go towards an orange membership card and \$2 will go to the Legacy fund. They don't think enough money went to Legacy fund even though we drove our check there. The Legacy is a State fund and not a national fund. The State will run its own group and when the new By-Laws come out we will see what they say.

Michael Walden discussed how the Legacy funds are given to the State. If we say we are having a ride or a dinner and funds will be donated to the Legacy. That means that 100% of those funds must be given to the Legacy.

Also there was no mention of supporters in the new proposed By-Laws. We can make our own rules about supporters. We will see a lot of changes in the new By-Laws and not necessarily to our liking. We also might want to look at post wide insurance event policy.

Next Honor Flight will be May 1. Right now there are 39 open seats. Look for Vets to go on this Honor Flight.

On May 18, 2019 there will be a benefit ride with the Sumner County Motorcycle group. This ride will benefit patients at the York Medical Center patients. On 12/23/2018 they provided a holiday meal for the Vets at the hospice unit. We are waiting on details. We know that it starts in Gallatin and goes thru Kentucky. Also you can check out Cycle Fish for all rides in any state.

The nominating committee met and have forms available at the end of the meeting to sign up or nominate for all 9 positions.

Pat Purinton indicated that next CPR class will be March 2 at the Hall and will be run by a RN. Make your reservations since it's limited availability at a cost of \$35.00. Pat Purinton has the number to call and check with her.

Tullahoma Post #43 will have the Lucky Rabbit fundraiser Ride on March 16.

Good for the Riders: Lets look for new members at all events or on the road.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6 PM

Birthday dinner: Saturday, February 23 at Nikos in Summittville at **NEW** time of 5 PM.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 pm: Motion by Don Purinton and 2nd by Rick Jernigan

Honors to the flag by all.

Closing Prayer by Dan Garrett

Respectfully submitted by Carole Sember.