



Minutes of meeting of American Legion Post 314 held on Thursday, December 21, 2023

The Commander called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The opening ceremonies include the pledge of allegiance were performed.

Roll Call was conducted. 7 members were present including 3 officers.

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

Committee reports were given as follows:

ABC -	Tom Slowinski	no report
Americanism -	Tim Reeg	no report
Bar -	Tom Slowinski	reported that Mac is doing a good job but could use additional bartenders.
Baseball -	Tim Leary	the Commander reported that Doug Herron of the Hightstown Post is reinitiating the Mercer County league. Some merging of teams may be necessary. Last season Ewing players played for Lawrenceville.
Boy Scouts -	Joe Coult	no report
Boy's State -	Tom Slowinski	reported that applications for Boys State will begin in January. The cost will remain the same. Merger of Boys and Girls States will not occur this year. One of our 2023 candidates has been appointed to the Air Force Academy and also received an ROTC scholarship to Texas A&M.
Children & Youth -	No Chairman	no report
Color Guard	Tim Leary	no report
Const. & By-Laws -	Joe Coult	no report
Convention -	No Chairman	no report
Educ. & Scholarships -	Tom Slowinski	reported that he will be accepting applications beginning January 15.
House & Grounds -	Tom Slowinski	reported that the roof is now sealed off and that the second phase that will structurally secure the corner of the building using tie rods and fish plates.
Legion College -	Joe Coult	reported that Legion College will take place on April 26 and that the Post will subsidize the entry fee.

Legislative -	No Chairman	no report
Membership -	Elizabeth Yull	reported paid membership is at 78 percent (63) out of a total of 81 members.
Memorial Services & Graves -	No Chairman	no report
Parades & Special Events -	No Chairman	no report
POW-MIA -	Mert Trombly	no report
Public Relations -	Joe Coult	no report
S.A.L. -	Joe Coult	no report
Service Officer	Mert Trombly	no report
Veterans Affairs & Rehab	No Chairman	no report
Ways & Means -	Tom Slowinski	no report

Executive Committee - no report

The financial report was given as follows: A net loss in the checking account for November of \$803.34 including a monthly transfer of \$1,000 to the Capital Building account. The report was approved as read.

Sick Call and Relief

It was reported that Louis Eggert had passed away. Former member William Bennett had also passed.

Unfinished business:

None

New Business:

For members who have financial hardships due to unexpected emergencies, a program for grant aid is available through the National Emergency Fund and Temporary Financial Assistance. For further information see the Department website.

Because dues to National and Department had increased significantly, a motion was made seconded and approved to increase yearly dues to the Post by \$5 for a total of \$45 in June of 2024 and an additional \$5 for a total of \$50 in June of 2025.

The Commander noted that the Department Commander sent the Post a letter of thanks for its donation to the Department Project.

Joe Coult informed the body that Ewing and Lawrence Little Leagues had merged and that sponsorships are available at different levels. He will have more information at next meeting.

For the Good of the Legion:

The monthly drawing was conducted. Hank Wierzbicki's name was drawn. As he was not present, next month's drawing will be for \$250.

The Commander ended the meeting at 7:30 PM with standard closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted for God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Coult". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Coult".

Joseph Coult, Adjutant

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