



**AMERICAN LEGION**

**Victor I. Rieck Post 351**

**46146 Cass Ave., Utica, Michigan 48317**

**MEETING MINUTES OF 06-JAN-2025**



**CALL TO ORDER:**

- 1) 19:00 - The meeting was convened by Commander John Myroniuk
- 2) **Total Membership Present: 14 Post Members & 00 Guests**

**ROLLCALL OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

Officer Position	Name	Present	Excused
Commander	John Myroniuk	X	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	OPEN		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Tom O’Gorman	X	
Adjutant	Oscar Gomez	X	
Financial Officer	Rick Brunett	X	
Judge Advocate	Norm Pfaff		X
Historian	Craig Gloger	X	
Chaplain	Bill Heise	X	
Service Officer	John Myroniuk	X	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom O’Gorman	X	
Executive Committeeperson (1-yr)	Tom O’Gorman	X	
Executive Committeeperson (2-yr)	John Knox		X
Executive Committeeperson (3-yr)	Christine Tonegatto-Salo	X	
Past Commander	Mike Weaver	X	
<i>NOTE: Need at least 5 Officers above</i>	<b>QUORUM (50% or higher)</b>	<b>YES</b>	

**Review of Meeting Minutes:**

- Review of Post 351 Membership Meeting Minutes from 02-DEC-2024
  - Motion to Approve – 1) Christine / 2) Mike W.
    - Correction – ServSafe – building license is up for renewal
    - Guest 13 + 1
    - Remove Zone 3 Commander – Michael Fitzgerald
    - All other meeting minutes in 2024 have been approved
  - Membership Vote – Approved

**Introduction of Guests & Prospective New Members:**

- Past Commanders –Mike Weaver

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**

**1) Commander - John Myroniuk:**

- a) Hot Water in Boiler room was running (resulting in just over \$2,200 in water bill)
- b) Fish Fry – fliers are being printed / If you can help, please contact Tom
- c) Lower Cooler in Lower Hall has completed and new one has been ordered
- d) By-Laws Changes pushed to March

- Currently being audited by IRS
    - (1) Reviewing from 2021 – 2023
    - (2) Email was sent to impacted Past and Present Officers and Committee Chairpersons for materials needed for the audit
      - (a) Awaiting responses from Christine (previous House Committee Chairperson) and Mike W (previous Bingo Chairperson)
  - e) Jeff McWhorter is helping with Post website
  - f) Discussions held with New State Rep on potential of getting any funding for Post parking lot
  - g) Need assistance with Finance Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Sargent-at-Arms positions – any volunteers interesting in stepping up to fill or helping in these positions, please contact John M
  - h) Furnace not working on North side of building
- 2) **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – OPEN POSITION:**
- a) Anyone interested in filling this position, please contact John Myroniuk
- 3) **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Tom O’Gorman:**
- a) Fish Fry meeting on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- 4) **Finance Officer - Rick Brunett:**
- a) \$1,000 went to Christmas Baskets for various families
  - b) Motion to approve Financial Report - 1) Frank & 2) Tom P.
    - Financial Report – Approved
  - c) Motion to pay monthly bill – 1) Frank & 2) Tom O.
    - Paying Monthly Bills - Approved
- 5) **Adjutant – Oscar Gomez:**
- a) Current Roster = 252 Members
    - 57 Paid through 2024
    - 179 Paid through 2025
      - 42 PUFLs
    - 16 Members leveraging the 3-year Renewal Option
  - b) MOTION: Post 351 membership approval to accept membership transfers, subject to eligibility verification, of Michigan Legion members that have joined through Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) or have submitted a signed Request to Transfer form.
    - Motion to Approve: 1) Oscar / 2) Christine
    - Membership Vote – Approved
  - c) Reminder of some Legion Benefits:
    - Grouper – if you currently are approved for Medicaid/Medicare, Grouper will reimburse your annual Legion dues. Also, if your active in Legion activities, Grouper will send you \$20 social wellness incentive every 3 months
    - MyLegion.org site for additional Legion Benefits/Discounts
- 6) **Sgt at Arms – Tom O’Gorman:**
- a) 14 Members and 00 Guests
- 7) **Chaplain – Bill Heise:**
- a) Nothing to report
- 8) **Historian – Craig Gloger:**
- a) Nothing to report

**9) Judge Advocate – Norm Pfaff:**

- a) Not present - Excused

**10) Service Officer - John Myroniuk:**

- a) Took care of 3 families for Thanksgiving & Christmas

**11) Past Post Commander – Dave DeBlawue:**

- a) Nothing to Report at this time

**12) Executive Committee – Tom O’Gorman (1-yr) / John Knox (2-yr) / Christine Tonegatto-Salo (3-yr):**

- a) Nothing to report

**13) House Committee – Steve Wolf:**

- a) Not present - Excused

**14) Rental Agent – Renee Morgan:**

- a) Renee not present - Excused
- b) Rates for 2025 are set
- c) Rick has new contracts for 2025

**15) BINGO Chairperson – Steve Wolf:**

- a) Bingo starting up on Wednesday, Jan. 8th

**16) Web Site – Steve Wolf:**

- a) Jeff updating the website

**17) Post Newsletter Editor – John Myroniuk:**

- a) Newsletter has been sent out
- b) Deadline to submit new articles for the next upcoming Newsletter will be Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

**18) Post 351 Auxiliary – Marcy Pitts:**

- a) Not present

**19) Post 351 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) – Frankie Guastella:**

- a) Super Bowl event on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

**20) Unfinished Business:**

- a) None

**21) New Business:**

- a) Warming oven (donation from church)
  - Lenny to help Christine to move it here

**22) Memorial to a Departed Legion Member:**

- a) None

**23) For the Good of the Legion:**

- a) Nominations start next month (Feb, March, April) – vote in May

24) **Post Membership Drawing Held:**

- a) Tom O. won drawing

**Post Membership Meeting adjourned at 19:43 until next monthly membership meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by Oscar Gomez, Adjutant

To be presented & reviewed at the next upcoming Post 351 Membership Meeting – **Monday, Feb. 03, 2025**

**APPROVAL UPDATE** – As of 03-FEB-2025, Post 351 Membership Meeting, these Minutes have been **APPROVED**.

