



AMERICAN LEGION

Victor I. Rieck Post 351

46146 Cass Ave., Utica, Michigan 48317

MEETING MINUTES OF 03-FEB-2025



CALL TO ORDER:

- 1) 19:00 - The meeting was convened by Commander John Myroniuk
- 2) **Total Membership Present: 17 Post Members & 00 Guests**

ROLLCALL OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Officer Position	Name	Present	Excused
Commander	John Myroniuk	X	
1 st Vice Commander	OPEN		
2 nd 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	Dave DeBlauwe	X	
<i>NOTE: Need at least 5 Officers above</i>	QUORUM (50% or higher)	YES	

Review of Meeting Minutes:

- Review of Post 351 Membership Meeting Minutes from 06-JAN-2025
 - Motion to Approve – 1) John K / 2) Frank M
 - Membership Vote – Approved

Introduction of Guests & Prospective New Members:

- Past Commanders – John Knox

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

1) Commander - John Myroniuk:

- a) Fish Frys coming up
- b) Calendar of events for House Maintenance activities
 - Furnace issues – Limit Switches (manufacturer has updated limit switches to reset themselves after an hour)
- c) Feb. 25th – IRS Audit will be here for 3-4 Days
 - CPA is providing materials
 - We have been busy gathering all documents
- d) John will be away from Feb. 7th – 16th (Tom O and Jeff M will be filling in while he’s gone)
- e) New State Rep will be working to see what he can get us in support for the Parking Lot
- f) Many events coming up – please consider helping out
- g) SAL hosting Superbowl Party on Feb. 9th

- h) Will be starting Nominations for 2025-2026 Officers
- i) Donations:
 - Xmas Party - [REDACTED]
 - Xmas Dinner – [REDACTED]
 - Salvage Drop – [REDACTED]
 - Donation to Legion – [REDACTED]
 - Quilt/Blanket raised – [REDACTED]
 - Christmas Donation – [REDACTED]
 - Christmas Donation (from Bob R) - [REDACTED]
 - Post Donation (from Bob R) - [REDACTED]
 - Dido's Vets - [REDACTED]
 - Donation for Vets - [REDACTED]
 - Post Donation (from Bob S) - [REDACTED]
 - Parking Space Rental for Ron-Ron's Trailer (Dec) - [REDACTED]
 - Parking Space Rental for Ron-Ron's Trailer (Jan) - [REDACTED]
 - Post Donation (from Dennis H) - [REDACTED]
- j) Feb. 19th – Articles due for the next Newsletter

2) 1st Vice Commander – OPEN POSITION:

- a) Anyone interested in filling this position, please contact John Myroniuk

3) 2nd Vice Commander – Tom O’Gorman:

- a) Sunday, Feb. 9th:
 - Show Me the Money @ 2pm
 - Superbowl Party afterwards
- b) Fish Fry – Feb. 20th – April 18th @ 4pm – 7pm
 - Fish Fry Meeting on Feb. 18th @ 6pm

4) Finance Officer - Rick Brunett:

- a) New Cooler downstairs (came from Clubhouse funds)
- b) Furnace Repairs
 - Need to start planning for new furnace
- c) Motion to approve Financial Report - 1) Frank M & 2) Bill H (Subject to Audit)
 - Financial Report - Approved

5) Adjutant – Oscar Gomez:

- a) Dept of Michigan – 2025 Paid Membership Target:
 - Post 351 = 242
 - Currently at 213 (88%)
 - District #7 Target = 3,971
 - Currently at 3,393 (85%)
 - District #7 covers Macomb, St Clair, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, and Lapeer Counties
 - (a) Total of 33 Posts
 - (b) We're the 5th Largest Post in this District (based on Membership Targets)
 - (i) Mt Clemens (Post #4) - 935
 - (ii) Marysville (Post #449) – 347
 - (iii) Lapeer (Post #16) – 269
 - (iv) Port Huron (Post #8) – 249
 - (v) Utica (Post #351) – 242
- b) John K mentioned that we are paid up for District Dues

6) Sgt at Arms – Tom O’Gorman:

- a) Nothing to report

7) Chaplain – Bill Heise:

- a) John M mentioned that Norm is doing as best as he can

8) Historian – Craig Gloger:

- a) Everything is still the same

9) Judge Advocate – Norm Pfaff:

- a) Nothing to Report at this time

10) Service Officer - John Myroniuk:

- a) Had a request for 6 Gift Cards for Michigan Veterans Home (MVH) in Chesterfield
- Donation received from General Dynamics
 - John M will work with MVH to make sure gift cards are given to specific veterans

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) Winter Conference – this weekend in Port Huron
b) Summer Convention will be in Sault Ste Marie in July 10th-13th

13) House Committee – Steve Wolf:

- a) April 26th – Spring Clean-up Day @ 9am-3pm
b) Need to follow-up with Fire & Ice about all the salting being done

14) Rental Agent – Renee Morgan:

- a) No rentals in Feb.

15) BINGO Chairperson – Steve Wolf:

- a) Bingo Jackpot at 59 for \$2,500

16) Web Site – Steve Wolf/ Jeff McWhorter:

- a) Jeff is now taking care of it
b) Flyers for Fish Fry and Show Me the Money provided by Rick – to be posted on website

17) Post Newsletter Editor – John Myroniuk:

- a) Deadline to submit new articles for the next upcoming Newsletter will be Feb. 19th

18) Post 351 Auxiliary – Marcy Pitts:

- a) Currently meeting downstairs

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

- a) Superbowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 9th

20) Unfinished Business:

- a) Law Suit from Slip and Fall Incident from Feb. 19, 2022

- b) New Cooler installed downstairs – may need additional work finish up the bar area
 - Will need to come back from estimates

21) New Business:

- a) Notifications when someone passes – similar to what Marine Corp League has done with providing members a magnet with Legion # can call if someone passes away
 - Can follow-up with
- b) Rick requesting reimbursement for [REDACTED] for slip strips
 - Motion by: 1) Tom O / 2) Frank M
 - Motion Approved
- c) Nominations for 2025-2026 Officers (Elected Positions)
 - Commander – John Myroniuk
 - 1st Vice Commander – Jeff McWhorter
 - 2nd Vice Commander – Tom O’Gorman
 - Finance Officer – Alicia Rec
 - Historian – Craig Gloger
 - Sergeant-At-Arms – Bob Cheeseman
 - Executive Committee:
 - (3-year) – Tom O’Gorman (currently Last Year) -
 - (2-year) – Christine Tonegatto-Salo
 - (1-year) – John Knox
 - Housing Committee:
 - (3-year) – (current last year) Mike Weaver, John Knox, Frankie Guastella – New Nominations would take 3-year Term - Tom O / Jeff M
 - (2-year) – Steve Wolf, Oscar Gomez, Craig Gloger
 - (1-year) – Rick Brunett, John Myroniuk, VACANT – Nomination for 1-year term to fill Vacant Slot
- c) REMINDER - 2025-2026 Officers (Appointed Positions)
 - Adjutant – Oscar Gomez
 - Judge Advocate – Norm Pfaff
 - Chaplain – Bill Heise
 - Service Officer – John Myroniuk
- d) Delegates for State Convention on July 10th- 13th in Sault Ste Marie (5-spots)

2) Memorial to a Departed Legion Member:

- a) Bob Stamos – passed away on Oct. 28, 2024

3) For the Good of the Legion:

- c) None

4) Post Membership Drawing Held:

- c) Tom B won drawing

Post Membership Meeting adjourned at 20:00 until next monthly membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Oscar Gomez, Adjutant

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

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