



Frederick. O Blankenship Post 117
413 South Main Street
Butler, PA 16001

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

16 NOVEMBER 2023

A Meeting was held on 16 November 2023 to conduct Regularly Scheduled Business

Committee	Dean Noechel, Chairman -P	Bill McCoy, Secretary, -E
as indicated:	Dave Orth, -P	Bob Scarmack, -E
	Gordon Kennedy, Treasurer, -P	Joe Hoover, -P (Remote)

Guests:	Dave McLaughlin (Post Commander)	Linda Meinert (Auxiliary Pres)
	Amy Doty (Canteen/Kitchen Mgr.)	Rolene Bookhamer (Office Mgr.)

Dean Noechel called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs., and noted that enough members for a quorum were present.

The minutes from the 19 October 2023 meeting were distributed to committee members by e-mail and accepted in lieu of reading. They are also posted on the Post's website, www.butlerpost117.org on the House Committee page.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Roleen: Saturday, Memorial Day Flags being removed – 0930 & 1000 hrs. Food at the Post afterwards.
- Linda: The Halloween Party was a great success.
- 22 November the Post will have a band from 2000 to 2400 hrs.
- 23 November free Thanksgiving Dinner will start at 1300 hrs.
- No Karaoke on Friday, 24 November.
- Dave advised that the Butler radio station will advertise the Thanksgiving Dinner and other Veteran functions (at no charge).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10 December – Employee Christmas Party. RSVP's NLT 1 December. (Post closed during).
- 16 December – Post Christmas Party (free) – kitchen will be open 1800 to 2000 hrs. DJ.
- 24 December – the Post will close at 1600 hours.
- New Year (Eve) Party \$20 per couple. There were 148 people at last year's party. Will need help at the door for membership card (2024) check. Those without can pay 2024 dues by cash or check – NO credit cards for 2024 dues.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Members will only be recognized with a Dues Card – an application can NOT be used in lieu of Dues Cards. Applicants can only be served, *as a signed-in guest*. Dues cards are not issued until applicants are vetted, and voted-in *by the Veteran members*.
- The kitchen still needs crock pots. Bill (McCoy) will donate an NSF kettle style crock pot.
- Dean noted that there have been many favorable comments regarding food quality, prep, and taste.
- The Saxonburg Authority and Steelworkers are scheduled to use the Post Social Hall.
- Parking Lot Acquisition: nothing new.

- Maintenance: The “squirrel cage” is still pending install, but the check has been cut.
- The next meeting will be on 28 December at 1800 hrs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Happy to report that there were no issues or problems that required discipline.
- Employee Christmas bonuses discussed.
- Employee update: No immediate problems – all new employees have been progressing at an acceptable level

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1910 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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William R. McCoy, Jr.

Secretary