



American Legion 3rd District of Missouri Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2014 – Bethany, Missouri – Wilson-Axline American Legion Post 216 hosting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp opened the meeting at 13:01 HRS with a salute to the Colors.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp proceeded with Post Everlasting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp closed Post Everlasting at 13:12 HRS

John-Paul Kopp gave the opening prayer

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp gave the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp led the Pledge of Allegiance

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp led reciting Pre-Amble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked for a roll call of Posts present to see if a quorum was present.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery read the District roll call. With seven (7) posts represented, 3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery reported that a quorum was found to be present.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski gave the 3rd District Finance report
CD In Academy Bank \$3,068.42

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported the following expenditures:

- 1) 3rd District Commanders allowance \$700
- 2) 3rd District Meeting Hosting ate Post 216 \$100
- 3) Convention Committee – Credentials – Bob Box \$100
- 4) Convention Committee – Constitution & BY-LAWS – Judi Samborski \$100
- 5) Convention Committee – Resolutions – Robert Emery \$100
- 6) Office Supplies for 3rd District Finance Officer \$38.48

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported that twenty seven (27) of the twenty eight (28) 3rd District Posts had paid their Per-Capita Tax for a total of two thousand three hundred sixty seven (\$2367.00) dollars and still one (1) 3rd District Post that had not yet paid their Per-Capita Tax.

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski explained the requirements of payment for allowances to attendees of the Department Convention. 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski explained that the monies went to those who were assigned to Committees and also attended the whole Department Convention.

Bob Box made a motion to accept the 3rd District finance report as read. John-Paul Kopp seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Distinguished Guest:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp introduced Zone 2 Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner.

Zone 2 Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner talked about the good work the 3rd District has done with membership.

Zone 2 Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner talked about planned 5th District Revitalization that would be held next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at Post 21 in Independence.

Correspondence:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp read a “Thank You” card from Seth Nebal, Thanking the 3rd District for sending him to Missouri Boys State.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about now being the time to find sponsors and about sending in all applications for Missouri Boys State.

Membership Committee:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about forming a 3rd District Membership Committee. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that the members were Robert Emery, Bob Box, Doug Millison, Jerry Phelps, and John F. Kopp.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the focus of membership would be to get all unpaid current members to pay before the first of the year. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that after the first of the year the focus would be on signing up new members.

3rd District Revitalization:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about setting up a District Revitalization.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that there would be no cold calls and that National would send out notices to all veterans in the District telling about the membership drive so there would no cold calls. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that the District could set up two Revitalizations one south and one north. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked anyone interested in helping to please contact him or Calvin Bumgarner.

Membership Raffle:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Department New member Recruiting Raffle. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that anyone signing up a new member should make sure their Post Adjutant send in a raffle entry for every new member they sign up and that the drawing would be held at the Department Spring Conference.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked everyone to be sure and share the 3rd District Newsletter with their local Post.

Missouri Boys State:

3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John F. Kopp talked about it being time to start finding sponsors for Missouri Boys State.



Oratorical Contest: 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that the Oratorical Contest information has been sent out to the Posts and the High Schools.

Missouri Cadet Patrol: 3rd District Missouri Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box reported that there was nothing until the first of the year.

Americanism: No Report

Service Officer: No Report

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

3rd District Tax Exempt Status:

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski talked about the loss of the 3rd District Tax Exempt status due to failure to make proper filings with the IRS for more than three (3) years.

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported that she had filled out the paperwork to reinstate tax exempt status and that the IRS filing fee will be four hundred (\$400.00) dollars.

John-Paul Kopp made a motion to authorize the 3rd District Finance Officer to issue a check to the IRS in the amount of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Replacement of 3rd District Flag:

3rd District Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Nichols talked about the poor condition the 3rd District Flag was in and stated that it should be replaced.

Discussion:

About which type of flag should be purchased – printed or embroidered.

John-Paul Kopp talked about how poorly the printed flags hold up and that embroidered flags last longer and look better longer. After more discussion on the matter, Doug Millison made a motion to replace in kind the 3rd District Flag. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3rd District Temporary Financial Assistance Fund:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about setting up a fund at the District level to help a veteran with children get Temporary Financial Assistance. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the fund requiring the same application requirements as the national program and that a 3rd District Committee would help the veteran fill out the form and get proper documentation and if eligible issue funds for the assistance of the veteran and his family. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that the funds would not be issued directly to the veteran but to one of the payees he needs help with. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that he would like to start the fund out with five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and add another five (\$500.00) dollars to the fund next year and then try and maintain the fund at one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars there after.

Calvin Bumgarner made a motion to start the 3rd District Temporary Financial Assistance Fund with five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Judi Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.



Resolutions:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp read a resolution presented by Post 626 for Upgrade of Navy Cross to Congressional Medal of Honor for Patrick O. Ford.

John-Paul Kopp made a motion to endorse the resolution and forward to Department of Missouri. Bob Tuggle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp read a resolution presented by Post 626 for Prisoner of War status modification for Patrick O. Ford.

John-Paul Kopp made a motion to endorse the resolution and forward to Department of Missouri. Judi Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the American Legion:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reminded everyone of the Department of Missouri Fall Conference to be held the end of October.

Proposed 3rd District Budget for 2015:

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski gave the proposed 3rd District Budget for 2015. 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski said that there would be additions due to addition of expenses for 3rd District Flag replacement and starting Temporary Financial Assistance Fund.

Discussion about the numbers and the projected budget short fall of funds were covered.

John-Paul Kopp made a motion to accept the proposed 3rd District Budget for 2015 as amended. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Post 216 for hosting today's 3rd District meeting and providing an outstanding meal.

John-Paul Kopp gave the closing prayer.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp led salute to the Colors.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp closed the 3rd District Meeting in due form at 14:25 HRS.

Submitted by:

Robert C. Emery
3rd District Adjutant

Approved by:

John F. Kopp
3rd District Commander