



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
WOODHAVEN POST # 118
EXECUTIVE MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:15 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW / MIA Ceremony.

Roll Call was held. John Allison VC Norbert Chwat, Adjutant Louis A. Rodriguez and County Service Officer Daniel F. O'Sullivan were excused. Sgt-at-Arms David L. Patterson, Michael Barone, George Korb, and Brian McManus, were absent.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, Richard N. Pearsall, Harry B. Jahnke, Vincent J. Calimano, Denis J. McEneaney, Joseph C. Thomassen, and James W. Casey.

The County also recognized the presence of PTDC Denis J. McEneaney, PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen, and PDC/PTDC James Casey.

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2009, were unanimously approved with corrections on a motion by John Allison, seconded by Peter.

Agenda Items

County Non-Alcoholic Pub at St. Albans. PCC Thomas Winberry reported a \$150.00 donation from the Woodhaven Post and \$100.00 donations from many other posts. Tom expects the pub to open after Easter. Initially, he needs five volunteers to work once a week. Walter Karas then donated \$100.00 and County Commander Michael Honan donated \$250.00 from his discretionary funds.

Burial of indigent veterans. VC Paul J. Schottenhamel reported that QCC Michael has submitted the forms to the City of New York that the Queens County Committee be designated an institutional friend of indigent veterans. We have a commitment from the Wuerst Funeral Home, a member of Dignity Funeral Homes, to provide pickup of the remains and transportation to the National Cemetery. They will accept the funds provided by the city and the VA as payment in full.

ROTC at St. John's University: CC Michael Honan reported that there are two American Legion Scholarship Funds, one from the Queens County Committee and one from the Maspeth Post, at St. Johns University. They are for children of veterans and have been awarded for several years. He would like to give a priority to children of veterans who have enrolled in the ROTC Program. VC Paul J. Schottenhamel has been in contact with the ROTC Department and will coordinate with them to award medals. Corrine Alpert handed out flyers inviting veterans to the awards ceremony on April 16, 2009, at 2-4 PM.

Boys State: Harry McMahon reported that he has received eleven applications for Boys State, and expects several more. The cost is \$325.00 per boy. We still need additional donations to send all the boys.

National Commander's Dinner: PDC/PTDC/PCC Jim Casey reported that only six tables have been book thus far. We have reserved thirteen tables. Eighteen posts have not responded.

Membership: VC Robert Condoleo the county is at 90.56% but we still have some posts that have not sent renewals for several months. We are 342 members short of 100%. Five posts have reached 100%.

Post/County shirts and jackets: PCC Vincent Calimano displayed shirts and jackets that the O'Connell Post have recently ordered. All present were impressed by the quality. Contact Vincent for details.

A motion by Thomas Winberry, seconded by James Casey, to suspend business to listen to an address on the future of St. Albans VA Hospital by a member of "Reach Out America", was unanimously accepted. Following the address, a motion by James Casey, seconded by John Allison, to return to normal business, was unanimously accepted.

Harry McMahon asked how much money was available for medals for the JROTC. Treasurer Denis McEaney stated we had allocated \$500.00.

PDC James Casey reminded everyone that Hill Day was scheduled for Tuesday March 17. This is an excellent time to lobby our elected officials about Legion and post issues.

Good of the Legion:

John Allison reported on the new veteran's home at Oxford, New York.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Allison, seconded by James Casey was unanimously approved.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors. Time 9:36 PM

Paul J. Schottenhamel
Acting Adjutant