



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
RUOFF-NORELLI-HARGREAVES POST # 632
COUNTY MEETING ON MAY 27, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:02 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Roll Call was held as follows:

VC Norbert Chwat, Adjutant Louis A. Rodriguez, County Svc Off Daniel F. O'Sullivan, Judge Advocate Joseph C. Thomassen, Committeeman Walter Karas, and Committeeman Peter Zaun were excused. Committeemen John Biehl, Brian McManus, and Thomas Williams were absent.

The County also recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, Richard N. Pearsall, David L. Patterson, John N. Severa, Vincent J. Calimano, Denis J. McEneaney, and James W. Casey.

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

The Roll call of Posts:

Broad Channel Post 1404, Continental Post 1424, Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298, Joseph B. Garity Post 562, Glendale Memorial Post 104, MAJ J. A. McKenna Post 797, Benjamin Moore Post 1946, Queens Village Post 301, and Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves Post 632 were represented.

The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2009 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison, seconded by James Casey.

Treasure's Report: The County Committee has a balance of over \$3,000.00.

Correspondence : Correspondence was read and accepted to take their usual course

Committee Reports:

Adjutants Call/County Website: VC Paul Schottenhamel encouraged posts to send him items to post on the website.

Auxiliary Liason: PCC Thomas Winberry had no report. Treasurer Denis McEneaney reminded the committee to send representatives to the County Auxiliary Convention.

Boys State: Harry McMahon reported that the county has sent 12 applications to Department for boys to attend 2009 Boys State. He read a list of those posts that contributed to the program.

Children & Youth: Arthur Adams reported that the presentation of books to the Queens Borough Public Library was a success. Many young children attended and they wanted to get the books right away. They would have to wait until the books were processed into the system.

County Convention Selection: PCC Thomas Winberry reported on the preparations for the Annual County Convention to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Forest Hills. A collation will follow at the Continental Post.

Credentials: John Severa reported that ten posts have not yet submitted their fees for the county convention.

Flags (Memorial Day): Walter Hovi reported that the flags have finally been distributed by Maurice Ahern. This will be Walter's last year on this committee.

Law & Order: PCC Thomas Winberry reported that the committee has purchase two plaques, one for the a police precinct and one for a fire company, to be presented at the county convention.

Legionnaire of the Year: VC Robert Condoleo reported that the county selection was forwarded to 10th District and our individual came in second place in the District. Our award will be presented at the county convention.

Legislative: PCC John Severa reported that the Flag Amendment bill, supported by the American Legion, has been again proposed in Congress. The support for the bill is not as strong as in past years.

Membership: VC Robert Condoleo thanked the county for its support. The 2010 membership cards are in and will be distributed at the county convention. Our goal next year is to improve on this year's numbers.

NYSVNH Board of Visitors: Treasurer Denis McEaney reported that Thomas Winberry has been appointed to the Board of Visitors.

VAVS: PCC Thomas Winberry attended a meeting at St. Albans. They are trying to get a full hospital at St. Albans so that veterans would not have to travel into Manhattan or Brooklyn. The Pub is doing fine, but conflicts with other events at St. Albans has kept down the number of visitors. In the Fall, he plans on rescheduling the open hours to Sundays .

Ways & Means: PCC Richard Pearsall stated that we are doing well. There will be no raffles during July and August.

Unfinished Business

PDC James Casey reminded us that if a the home post for a county candidate has not submitted its convention dues, that candidate is ineligible to run for office.

New Business

None

Good of the Legion

Corrine Alpert stated that at their monthly meetings the staff at St. Albans thanked the veterans for all their assistance.

PCC Thomas Winberry thanked Commander Michael Honan for his service this past year. Commander Honan thanked the posts and committee members for their support and cooperation.

The St. Albans Family Field Day will be on June 17th at 12:30.

John Venturina of the Sing Sing Officers American Legion Post is holding their First Legionnaires Ball on June 13, 2009. The cost is \$30.00 per person. The flyer will be posted on the county website.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$18.00 won by Paul Schottenhamel.

Copies of Post Certification of Officers forms must be mailed to Commander Honan as soon as possible. These forms are required to complete the county directory.

A motion to adjourn made by John Allison and seconded. by James Casey, was unanimously approved.

The meeting was then closed at 9:10 PM with a prayer and the salute to colors.

Paul J. Schottenhamel

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Acting Adjutant