



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
ROSEDALE LAURELTON POST # 483
COUNTY MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:05 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:

Chaplain Rev. Philip T Sica and Executive Committee Member Brian McManus were excused.

Executive Committee Members Arthur Adams, Corrine Alpert, Michael Barone, Randolph Brown, John O'Neill, and John Polidoro were absent.

The County recognized the presence of: DVC Denis J. McEaney, PDC James Casey, and PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, Richard N. Pearsall, Louis A. Rodriguez, David L. Patterson, Daniel F. O'Sullivan, and Vincent J. Calimano.

The following posts were represented: Auburndale 123, Broad Channel 1404, Continental 1424, Joseph B. Garity 562, Little Neck Douglaston 103, Edward M. McKee 131, Daniel M O'Connell 272, Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves 632, and Woodhaven 118.

The minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2009 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison

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

Committee Reports:

Adjutants Call/County Website: Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel reported that the website is receiving about 600 visits per month. He advised that many posts have holiday activities planned that are open to other legionnaires, but very few have been posted on the website. Get them into him as soon as possible.

Boys State: Harry McMahon stated that he does not have the exact dates for 2010, but it should be the same week as 2009.

County Convention Selection: PCC Daniel O'Sullivan asked posts to put in their bids to host the convention as soon as possible.

Dinner for PCC: PDC James Casey reported that the Department Commander enjoyed the Queens County Installation. This is the only county installation that he does, and he was impressed.

Thus far only 100 persons have committed themselves to attend the County Past Commander's Dinner, scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2009. We are committed for 150 persons.

Direct Mail Service: PCC Vincent Calimano reported that everything has been sent out and there have been no returns.

Foreign Relations: VC Norbert Chwat stated that the current talk of appeasement toward our enemies reminds him on 1938. We may find ourselves in a much larger war. He believes that Secretary of State Clinton is just following the orders of the White House. He feels the American Legion is not doing anything.

Housing (Mid-Winter & Dept. Conv.): PCC Vincent Calimano reported that the housing applications are out and he wants to get them in as soon as possible so all our people can stay at the Desmond.

Legislative: TDVC/ Legislative Chairman John Severa thanked the members of his committee for the outstanding turnout for the Legislative Breakfast

Membership: VC Robert Condoleo handed out the current membership results. He thanked the posts for helping the County meet its goal. He reminded posts to get the dues in as soon as they get it.

National Commander's Dinner: PDC James Casey stated that the first planning meeting will be on Saturday, November 21, 2009 in Manhasset. Antun's has raised their rates \$2.00 per meal and increased the gratuity rate. He expects the menu to be the same as recent years. Since he is now the new dinner chairman, he is looking into changes for next year.

NYSVNH Board of Visitors: PCC Thomas Winberry reported that the new gift shop is now open and it is outstanding. They could use some help during the week.

Stamps for Hospitalized Vets: PCC Thomas Winberry stated that no one knows what to do with the stamps.

VAVS: PCC Thomas Winberry reported that the auditorium at St. Albans is in disrepair. Regular flu shots are available. The Pub is open on Sundays. Corrine Alpert is an exceptional bartender. He could use two or three more volunteers. He received a \$100.00 donation from the Auburndale Post. Overall they are in great financial shape.

Ways & Means: PCC Richard Pearsall stated that the tickets are moving well. There were no winners for 13 days, which gave them increased profits. The January and February tickets are getting ready to go out.

Treasurer's Report: DVC/QC Treasurer Denis McEaney stated that only seven posts have submitted the PUFL dues of \$1.00 per Legionnaire. Our current balance is \$3,405.58.

County Vice Commander's Reports:

VC David Valentin stated that he had contacted his posts to get them out for the Legislative Breakfast.

Commander's Remarks:

Commander Honan appreciated the support the County was getting from the posts. He asked that the posts encourage future leaders to attend County meetings and get involved in our programs.

Unfinished Business

PCC Vincent Calimano stated that the Budget Committee met to review the 2009-2010 budget. We will no longer provide food at our meetings. Posts will now only get \$50.00 per meeting. The County Christmas Party is canceled. They recommended that many budget items be cut.

The Astoria Hellenic Society wants to restart a Legion post that disbanded years ago.

New Business

A motion by James Casey, seconded by David Patterson, to accept the amended budget as read, was unanimously accepted.

Good of the Legion:

VC Robert Condoleo advised all members to attend the NY American Legion College, scheduled on 11-13 June 2010. Commander Honan endorsed this advice.

The Queens County Contingent will participate in the Veterans' Day Parade. It will start at 11 AM at 5th Avenue and 23rd Street and end at 59th Street.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$42.00.

A motion to adjourn made by PDC James Casey, seconded by acclamation, was unanimously approved.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors. Time 9:21 PM

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