



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
CONTINENTAL POST #1424
COUNTY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:07 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW / MIA Ceremony. Commander Honan announced that this was a special joint meeting with the Queens County Auxiliary. President Judy Walsh presided over her part of the meeting, which are not recorded in these minutes.

Roll Call was held as follows:

Vice Commander Norbert Chwat and Vice Commander Robert Condoleo were excused.

Executive Committee Members Corrine Alpert, Randolph Brown, William J McDermott, John O'Neill, and John Polidoro were absent.

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 County also recognized the presence of DVC Denis J. McEneaney, TDVC John N. Severa, PDC James Casey, and PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen.

The minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2009, with corrections, were unanimously approved .

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Denis McEneaney reported that, as of October 31, 2009, the committee is solvent. He presented a check for \$1,000.00 as our donation to the County Auxiliary to help defray the coast of the Holiday party at St. Albans scheduled for December 3rd.

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

Committee Reports:

Adjutants Call/County Website: Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel reported that the website continues to be visited more times each month. He reminded posts to get their flyers for social events into him so he can add them to the website.

Budget & Finance: PCC Joseph Thomassen reported that the committee will have the revised budget ready for presentation by the next meeting.

Children & Youth: Arthur Adams noted an article in the NY Daily News that lauded the improvements in the Public School system. However, parents find the grading system confusing. They feel left out of the process. Less than half the children graduate with regents diplomas.

County Convention Selection: PCC Daniel O'Sullivan reported that the county is having difficulty finding a post to host the convention. He recommended to move it to a Friday evening and feed the delegates with a light collation.

Dinner for PCC: PDC James Casey presented his final report on the Past Commander's Dinner. We had 145 paid and 5 guests, which was less than last year. Due to medical problems, Walter Hovi could not DJ

the party and we had to find a last minute substitute. Total income was \$7,975.00; total expenses were \$9,209.67. This resulted in a loss of \$1,209.67. He left a deposit to hold the hall for next year, but the prices will be going up.

PDC Casey also reported the final expenses of the Department Commander's Dinner. We had 113 paid and 7 guests in attendance. Expenses totaled \$4,689.50. Income was \$2,825.00. \$1,250.00 from the raffle at the county convention was used to offset the cost. The final cost to the county was \$614.50.

Commander Honan praised PDC Casey for doing a fine job.

Forty-& Eight: Chef Phil Sica reported that they are still alive. They have opened membership to other veterans, who may then join the American Legion. He has the membership cards for those who paid their dues. Notices will go out for the next meeting.

Law & Order: PCC Daniel O'Sullivan stated that they are having difficulty getting nominations for the awards. PCC Thomas Winberry stated that we are now recognizing precinct and fire houses.

Legislative: John Severa submitted the final report for the 2009 Legislative Breakfast. There were a total of 130 paid and guests in attendance, with fifteen posts represented. Total donations were \$2,348.00; total expenses were \$2,019.76. The balance of \$328.24 was a profit to the county.

He also announced that, as the County Chairman of the Committee to Elect Fang Wong National Commander, he will be contacting all our posts after the New Year. He requested that all posts participate.

National Commander's Dinner: PDC James Casey reported that there will be a meeting of the entire committee on Saturday, November 21st in Manhasset. He is trying to get the round tables for the county, but this is dependent on the number of people attending.

Oratorical: Rev. Philip Sica stated that the schools JROTC support the contest. Currently Francis Lewis and Long Island City High Schools, and possibly The Mary Lewis Academy, are expected to send contestants. It will be held at the Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves Post on January 17th.

Service Officer: PCC Daniel O'Sullivan reported that the Stop-Loss Program has kept service members in the military longer than they would have been held. The VA has recognized three new ailments to the list of those presumed to be connected to Agent Orange exposure.

VAVS: PCC Thomas Winberry stated that, because of the holiday activities at St. Albans, the pub will be closed until January. Flu shots, both seasonal and H1N1, are available without an appointment. They need help with the gift shop.

Ways & Means: PCC Richard Pearsall stated that the raffles are going well. The January tickets are out.

Commander's Remarks:

Commander Honan asked VC Valentin to take the chair. The Commander stated that the National Monuments Protection Project has received a poor response from the posts. Please get your reports into Chairman Zoltan Szollosy. Negative reports are required.

The Commander asked that all posts should consider taking raffle tickets from the Ways and Means Committee. This is our only real source of income to the county.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Good of the Legion:

PDC James Casey read a letter from Department requesting that individuals and posts should try to get their questions answer at County and District before going to Department and National.

There will be a Christmas Party at Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves Post at 3-7 PM on December 6th for a cost of \$25.00 per person. There will be a New Year's Eve party at the Continental Post 9 PM on December 31st at \$50.00 per person.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$33.00.

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

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors at 9:15 PM

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