



**MINUTES OF THE  
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.  
BROAD CHANNEL POST #1404  
COUNTY MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 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:

Vice Commander Robert Condoleo, Historian Louis A. Rodriguez, and Sergeant-at-Arms David L. Patterson were excused.

Vice Commander Norbert Chwat, and 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, Daniel F. O'Sullivan, and Vincent J. Calimano.

The County also recognized the presence of DVC Denis J. McEaney and PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen.

The following posts were represented: Oscar Ammann 853, Auburndale 123, Broad Channel 1404, Continental 1424, Joseph B. Garity 562, Glendale Memorial 104, Little Neck Douglaston 103, Benjamin Moore 1946, Daniel M O'Connell 272, Queens Village 301, Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves 632, and Woodhaven 118.

The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2009 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison, seconded by Brian McManus.

**Treasure's Report:** Treasurer Denis J McEaney reported that as of the bank statement of October 31, 2009, all accounts are current. The balance of the checking account as of November 30, 2009 was \$4,953.73. A motion by John Allison, seconded by and Thomas Winberry, to accept the report as read was unanimously approved.

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

**Executive Committee Agenda Items**

1. Arthur Adams made the official notification that the Benjamin Moore Post 1946 has begun negotiations with the Rosedale Laurelton Post 483 for a possible merger. He requested that Commander Honan attend any meetings that will take place.
2. Commander Honan wants the Executive Committee Members to take a larger role in the leadership of the county. A general discussion followed. Thomas Winberry stated that their function is to present recommendations to the full committee. Walter Karas stated that the only item that the Executive Committee has considered lately was the recommendation for our VAVS Representative. Joseph C. Thomassen stated that the Executive Committee may make recommendations, but the full Committee votes on it.

3. Daniel O'Sullivan reread his recommendation that the County Convention be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday evening in June and a collation be offered. This will reduce the cost of the convention and possibly get more posts to want to host it. He was advised to present his idea to the County Convention Selection Committee before presenting it to the main committee.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Adjutants Call/County Website:** Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel stated that the hits on the website continue to go up. He reminded all posts that if they email their event flyers, he will post them on the site.

**Children & Youth:** Arthur Adams stated that many children are injured during the holiday season, especially from burns.

**Housing (Mid-Winter & Dept. Conv.):** PCC Vincent Calimano reported that there has been no confirmation on our housing at the Mid-Winter Conference.

**National Commander's Dinner:** Commander Honan reported that he has reserved 11 tables, three up close and eight round tables in the rear of the room. We need the money in as soon as possible. Table designations will be made in the beginning of April.

**NYSVNH Board of Visitors:** Joseph Thomassen reported on the grand opening of the new lobby at the nursing home. There will be a meeting of the board next week.

**Oratorical:** Rev. Philip Sica reported that the Queens County Contest will be held at the Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves Post on Sunday, January 10, 2010. At this point there will be no representation for the Mary Louis Academy.

**POW/MIA:** Walter Karas stated that it has been more than thirty years since the end of the Vietnam War and the search for the 1300 still missing continues.

**VAVS:** Thomas Winberry reported that there was a meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is still no administrator appointed. The new funding is not broken down by hospital. There will be an open house and Christmas Party on December 18 at St. Albans. Service flags are needed at the main entrance for the holidays. They will get the engineer to place the flags. Check with St. Albans before donating any clothing. The County Christmas Party at St. Albans was great. The pub will reopen on January 6. He needs at least one more volunteer.

Arthur Adams stated that the cleaning of the building was excellent.

**Ways & Means:** PCC Richard Pearsall reported that all is going good. The January and February tickets are out.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None

### **Good of the Legion:**

Brian McManus reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and to wear white or light colored clothing when outside at night

If anyone needs them, the O'Connell Post has a collection of wheelchairs and walkers.

A motion to adjourn made by John Allison, seconded by Thomas Winberry, was unanimously approved.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors at 9:09 PM

*Paul J. Schottenhamel*

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