

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee
Meeting Minutes June 2, 2020
American Legion Post 13

Commander Lightfoot called meeting to order at 1845 hours

Posting of the colors by Erik Smith

Pledge of Allegiance recited by ALL

Invocation was by Chaplain Erik Smith

Recitation of The AMVETS Preamble and its Constitution by ALL

June 2, Attendance:

Commander Lightfoot

1st Vice Rick Brown

2nd Vice Ray House. Absent

Finance Officer Paul Rogerson

Judge Advocate: Henry Lowery: Absent

Provost Cecil Taylor: Absent

Bell Tower Committee Chair: Randy Miller

Adjutant Anthony Minichiello

Bob Aguilera

Fred Ingley

Carl Ayers

Tom Bowermeister (Guest)

Adjutant Anthony Minichiello

Minutes from March 5, 2020 meeting were read By Adjutant Minichiello. Motion to approve by Paul Rogerson and Rick Brown: Approved

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Paul Rogerson gave a report on our balance and passed out copies to the members. Spelling out contributions to date as well as monies owed. Our total liabilities and Equity is \$53,669.78. Motion to approve by Randy Miller and Erik Smith. Motion carried.

Membership: Rick Brown gave his report mentioning the constant problems with proportion of dues staying with the Post instead of all going to National. Gordon stated that the State wide commander is working on this problem.

Bell Tower Report: Randy Miller gave a report on donations and Gordon gave a short talk on his recent discussion with AMVETS National and State over when we can begin construction and monies will be released. Bottom Line is Legal is working on an OK to proceed within two to four months. Also Barkley will pick the general contractor. There was a brief discussion about ensuring that National doe not renege on past promises. Gordon has all the records and e-mail copies promising the matching funds.

Motion to approve: Randy Miller and Erik Smith. Approved.

New Business: Mr. Tom Bowermeister of the Dale Mabry WWII Aviation Museum gave a status report on the progress of the Museum. The Association has been given two WWII buildings they want to move onto a 3 acre tract of land previously donated by TCC. These buildings will be sitting on an a section of the actual WWII airfield.

The Association is applying for a grant and has \$136K matching funds towards that grant. Post 1776 donated \$250.00 to the Dale Mabry WWII Museum fund.

Mr. Bowermeister filled out his application to join our Post and wrote a person check for \$100.00 towards the Bell Tower fund.

Benediction and retiring of the colors by Chaplain Smith.

Adjourned at 1950 hours.

Submitted by Anthony "Tony" Minichiello
Adjutant Post 1776 Tallahassee
Veteran, USAF