



American Legion 3rd District of Missouri Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2014 – North Kansas City, Missouri – Jarchow Schroeder American Legion Post 61 hosting.

The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary held its 50/50 drawing with a split of fifty four (\$54.00) dollars. Wally Glasso Post 95 won the 50/50 drawing.

3rd District Commander John Kopp opened the meeting at 13:04 HRS with a salute to the Colors.

3rd District Chaplain R. E. Holtz gave the opening prayer

3rd District Commander John Kopp gave the POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony

3rd District Commander John Kopp led the Pledge of Allegiance

3rd District Commander John Kopp led reciting Pre-Ambles to the Constitution of the American Legion.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for a roll call of Posts present to see if a quorum was present.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery read the District roll call. With six (6) posts represented a quorum was found to be present.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked for the reading of the minutes of the last 3rd District meeting.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery read the minutes from the September 3rd District Meeting.

Judi Samborski made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski gave the 3rd District Finance Report for July 2014. 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported the following:

CD with Academy Bank \$3000.00

3rd District Checking Account with Bank Midwest:

Previous Balance: \$4073.50

Deposit of nine (9) Per-Capita Dues \$534.00

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported that all twenty nine (29) 3rd District Posts had paid their Per Capita Dues.

Beginning Balance: \$7607.50

Deductions:

Check #1007 - \$100.00 – Paid to Post 61 for hosting 3rd District Meeting.

Closing Balance: \$7507.50

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski asked if there were any question about the 3rd District Finance Report.

3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt asked about the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for hosting the 3rd District Oratorical Contest.



3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski said that she was unaware of that budget item and would cut a check for the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for hosting the 3rd District Oratorical Contest. 3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski said that she would be adding that item to future 3rd District Budgets.

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski talked about calling the IRS and getting the EIN information for the 3rd District corrected.

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski reported that the 3rd District was still current in its tax exempt status.

3rd District Finance Officer Judi Samborski also reported that the IRS would be sending her a corrected tax exempt letter.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about reading the list of Post that had lost their tax exempt status and that an old EIN for the 3rd District was on that list.

3rd District Commander John Kopp said that he would entertain a motion to accept the 3rd District Finance Report as given. Ed Schmidt made a motion to accept the 3rd District Finance Report as given. Bob Box seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about email from Dennis Woeltje reporting the Department of Missouri was in eleventh (11th) place in national membership standings had twenty one (21) Posts at one hundred (100%) percent membership and there were four 3rd District Posts with one hundred (100%) percent membership.

Membership:

3rd District Commander John Kopp reported that 3rd District membership was currently at eighty two point nine (82.9%) percent.

3rd District Commander John Kopp asked all Post Commanders and Adjutants to use mylegion.org and find Post 1000 members in their area and work on transferring them to the local post.

3rd District Commander John Kopp talked about his time in the American Legion and said that if you do not ask a veteran to join the American Legion the answer is already NO.

Missouri Boys State:

3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John F. Kopp talked about Missouri Boys State packets should be sent out soon and that an applicant for Missouri Boys State can have more than one sponsor.

3rd District Adjutant Robert Emery reported that the 2014 Missouri Boys State application was already available online.

3rd District Missouri Boys State Chairman John Kopp asked everyone to work on getting sponsors and get into the schools.

Oratorical Contest:

3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt talked about the 3rd District Oratorical contest held January 5th at Post 33. 3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt reported that four (4) contestants were supposed to compete but only two (2) made it to the contest. 3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt reported



second place went to Jessica Chamberlain. First Place went to Therin Showalter who will advance to the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest to be held in Concordia Missouri on January 26th. 3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt reported that the winner of the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest would advance to the Department Oratorical Contest which is held at the Department of Missouri Convention.

3rd District Oratorical Contest Chairman Ed Schmidt thanked all those who helped make the 3rd District Oratorical Contest such a success.

Missouri Cadet Patrol: 3rd District Missouri Cadet Patrol Chairman Bob Box talked about the Missouri Cadet Patrol packets should be in the High Schools now.

Americanism:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the 3rd District being made up of small towns and limited opportunities the American Legion Posts should be getting into the schools and getting know in their communities. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about working in the schools with programs like Flag Etiquette, High School Awards. That way the kids will remember the American Legion.

3rd District Service Officer:

3rd District Service Officer Ron McBee talked about his position in the Department of Missouri and helping veterans get signed up with the VA and also helping with claim process with the VA. 3rd District Service Officer Ron McBee reported that there was a lot of remodeling and construction being done at the VA hospital in Kansas City and that the VA would be opening a new facility at Highway 40 and Highway 70 intersection.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked 3rd District Service Officer Ron McBee if he helped file Temporary Financial Assistance forms. 3rd District Service Officer Ron McBee said that that program was under Children and Youth program but that he helped with part of the application process.

IRS DD-214 Issue:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the memo from the IRS concerning Post collecting DD-214's. The memo from the IRS stated that the IRS could only request DD-214 if there was reasonable doubt about a veteran's eligibility.

Calvin Bumgarner reported that Missouri Boys State session for 2014 would be June 14th to the 21st and applications were due March 1st.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about his experience at American Legion National College and attended with George Scarborough.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that they learned to write resolutions, Revitalize a District, and create a presentation on the four (4) pillars of the American Legion. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that it was a busy week. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that they sat in at NEC meeting and presented a resolution to provide sign language interrupters for the Oratorical Contest. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that the resolution was tabled. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that he learned a lot and that the College was a good experience.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the previous selection process and that the process has been changed and improved.



New Business:

American Legion 100th Anniversary:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about wanting to get a 100th Anniversary Committee setup for the 3rd District and would be looking for volunteers for the committee.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp read a resolution nominating Calvin Bumgarner for the office of Zone 2 Vice-Commander from Post 61. Ray Nichols made a motion to accept the Resolution. Judi Samborski seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Department Spring Conference:

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Department Spring Conference to be held in Jefferson City February 21st through the 23rd.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the locations for the Department Conventions for the next few years.

2014 Jefferson City

2015 Springfield

2016 Kansas City

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about setting up a committee for a Hospitality Room at the Department Convention in Kansas City.

Calvin Bumgarner and Mike Scruby volunteered to head the committee.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the Online Extension Course and that an Offline Extension Course was going to be held January 27th in Lee's Summit.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about working on a Post Self Evaluation that he was going to send out the 3rd District Posts and help the Post find programs they can participate in.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about the National Vice-Commanders visit to Missouri. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp reported that the National Vice-Commander would be in Cameron Missouri on March 4th for a meet and greet at the Cameron Veterans Home at approximately 15:30 HRS.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about how he found out about the National Vice-Commanders visit via the 5th District Commander and not an official Department communication to him.

Calvin Bumgarner made a motion for the 3rd District to sponsor a boy to Missouri Boys State. Ed Schmidt seconded the motion.

Bob Box asked if the selection criteria would be the same as in the past years. All answered in the affirmative. After some more discussion about funding the Missouri Boys State sponsorship the motion passed.

Chef de Gare Voiture Locale 1379 talked about the 40et8 and asked if anyone was interested in joining the 40et8 to contact him or any other member of Voiture 1379.

Gary Nichols talked about the NEF needing funds and was asking for donations. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp asked if the 3rd District was interested in making a donation to the NEF. Most thought it should be a function of the local Post.

Gary Nichols talked about the Legion Riders at Post 58 and Post 61 being available for helping Post with their functions and all a Post need to do was ask them to help.



Post 95 Commander Judi Samborski reported on passing of 3rd District Chaplain Donna Warren and that Post 95 had provided Military Funeral Honors for her.

Post 626 Commander Douglas Millison talked about Post project to provide a flag pole and flag for the local historical area and would appreciate any donations towards their project.

The Post 626 Commander Douglas Millison talked about attending the LEAD Training course and reported that it was an outstanding course.

The Post 626 Commander Douglas Millison complimented the peanut butter cookies that someone had brought.

Bob Box reported on the veterans' event Gladstone would be holding on May 24th and all veterans groups were welcome to participate. Bob Box reported that there would be a short parade and booths would be setup behind Gladstone City Hall.

Larry Allen talked about Post 95 Spaghetti Dinner to be held March 22nd at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

Robert Emery asked any Post who had a Boy Scout Troop to be sure and send in a nomination for Eagle Scout of the Year.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about MAVO Days in Jefferson City June 27th and that anyone attending to be sure to take their colors.

Good of the American Legion: NO REPORT

Good of the 3rd District: NO REPORT

3rd District Chaplain R. E. Holtz gave the closing prayer.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp talked about a request from Laura Mosby 3rd District Auxiliary President to change future 3rd District Meeting schedules to meeting at 13:00 HRS and dinner to follow the meeting. The request is so that people may attend Sunday Church services. 3rd District Commander John F. Kopp said that this would be discussed at the next 3rd District Meeting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp led salute to the Colors.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp thanked Post 61 for hosting the 3rd District meeting.

3rd District Commander John F. Kopp closed the 3rd District Meeting in due form at 14:37 HRS

Submitted by:

Robert C. Emery
3rd District Adjutant

Approved by:

John F. Kopp
3rd District Commander