



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
PARKER VFW POST 4266
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Minutes for Meeting of 20 JUNE 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Commander Reuben Trujillo called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on 20 June 2016.
2. **Opening Prayer** Acting Chaplain Mike Tarby offered a prayer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Members and guests recited the Pledge.
4. **Officer Roll Call:** Acting Adjutant Gerard Brushaber called the Officer Roll:

a. Commander	Reuben Trujillo	Present
b. Senior Vice Commander	Fred Faery	Present
c. Junior Vice Commander	Tom Straley	Present
d. Quartermaster	Gerard Brushaber	Present
e. Chaplain	John Denslow	Absent
f. Adjutant	Peter Solano	Absent
g. Judge Advocate	Gerard Brushaber	Present
h. Surgeon	John Denslow	Absent
i. 3 Year Trustee	Roland R. Henkel	Present
j. 2 Year Trustee	Mike Tarby	Present
k. 1 Year Trustee	Keith Troutman	Present
l. Service Officer	Floyd Merenkov	Present

Commander Trujillo determined there was a quorum present to include Former Post Commander Evan Totten; Member-At-Large David Seal; New Members Joel and Jennifer Buys; and Prospective Member Scott Bowen

8. **Recognition of Guests.** Trujillo recognized new members Joel and Jennifer Buys, member-at-large David Seal, and prospective member Scott Bowen. Trujillo then introduced Suzanne Goolsby, parent & coordinator from the Douglas County Young Marines. Ms. Goolsby advised that her organization is seeking funding for a trip to Washington D.C. She then invited all members of Post 4266 to visit the Celtic Festival in Elizabeth, CO on 16-17 July 2016. Admission for veterans is half price. Ms. Goolsby then departed the meeting.
9. **Reading of the minutes** – All members were e-mailed a copy of the May 2016 minutes. Faery and Tarby moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
10. **Quartermasters Report** Brushaber reviewed the detail of receipts and Disbursements. Report for May 2016 noted.
 1. Beginning Bank Account Balance: \$11,380.88
 2. Receipts: \$2,033.50
 3. Disbursements: \$461.66
 4. Ending Bank Account Balance: \$12,952.72
 5. Ending Balance Breakout:
 - General Fund: \$3,413.83
 - Relief Fund: \$9,342.47
 - Dues Reserve Fund: \$196.42QM noted that he received certification signatures from all Trustees present, i.e., Henkel, Tarby,

and Troutman for his monthly QM Report for 1-31 May 2016. Merenkov and Totten moved and seconded that his report be accepted. Motion passed

11. Committee Reports

- a. **Membership** – Two new members were present, i.e., Joel and Jennifer Buys. Totten and Faery moved and seconded that their memberships be approved and their motion passed. Although Richard Newton was not present, Brushaber and Totten moved and seconded that his membership be approved and their motion passed. Although Christopher Allen Boyer was not present, Brushaber and Faery moved and seconded that that his membership be approved and their motion passed.
- b. **Relief/Buddy Poppy** – Brushaber advised that Post 4266 had a successful “Memorial Day” fund-raising drive on 28 & 29 May 2016 at two locations, i.e., King Soopers in Castle Pines and King Soopers City Market on Cottonwood Drive in Parker. The total funds raised were \$5,787.66. ((Amendment by GHB) bank miscount +11.00 = 5798.66) Brushaber commented that our Post had a minimum of two members present at each location throughout the weekend schedule. He specifically thanked Thom Straley for pulling duty at the Cottonwood Drive location from dawn to dusk. Trujillo directed that “framed” VFW certificates be made and presented to the store manager at each location and to the real estate company for its \$2,000.00 donation. Finally, Totten advised the members that Denver Post 1 solicited money prior to Memorial Day at the King Soopers City Market in Parker, and this breach of etiquette needs to be discussed at higher HQ. Trujillo advised he would take the item for action..
- c. **Publicity** – Brushaber advised there is nothing new to report.
- d. **Youth** – Straley advised there is nothing new to report.
- e. **Americanism** – Although Solano was absent, Trujillo spoke briefly about the importance of our Post recruiting participants for VFW Patriots’ Pen and Voice of Democracy programs. He reminded our members that the deadline for applicant submission is 1 Nov 2016..
- f. **Ways and Means** After a very brief discussion, Merenkov and Brushaber moved and seconded that Post 4266 participate in the Gun Show at the Douglas County Fair Grounds on 23 & 24 July 2016, pay the discount table fee of \$50.00 for veterans, and collect funds for our General Fund. Motion passed. Merenkov agreed to take this item for action.
- g. **Community Activities** There is no Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) meeting planned for June. Trujillo requested assistance from the members in moving CCH “stuff” out of Totten’s garage. Tarby volunteered to assist. Totten asked if a final determination had been made in regard to the liability issue for Post 4266 and its members if transporting CCH veterans to service activities and events in various means of transportation, e.g., DoD bus. Faery advised that he will coordinate with Solano about this issue and report back. Finally, Trujillo agreed to provide his personal meat smoker and even host the next Post 4266 social event. The general consensus was our last social gathering at the Elk Mountain Brewery was a success, and another similar event would be welcomed. Brushaber agreed to take this item for action. *Commander Trujillo departed and Senior Vice Commander Faery presided over the remainder of the meeting.*
- h. **Service Officer** Merenkov advised there is nothing new to report.
- i. **Legislative** – Totten advised there is nothing new to report.

11. **Prayer for the National Home for Children.** Acting Chaplain Tarby offered a prayer.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. **Poker Tournament**– Although Solano was not present to provide an update, Brushaber advised that this general fund-raising event is still being planned for November 2016.

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13. New Business.

Concert for Fund-Raising. Marine vet asked if Post 4266 would be interested in hosting a concert for fund-raising purposes. His fee to perform is only \$100.00. This item will be discussed at our 18 July 2016 meeting.

Military Patches. Pennsylvania vet is looking for military patches. Details about this item will be provided and discussed at our 18 July 2016 meeting.

Purchase Streamers for Post 4266's Flag. Merenkov and Henkel moved and seconded that the QM purchase Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan streamers for our Post's flag. Motion passed.

Induction of New Post 4266 Officers. Past Post Commander Totten presided over an induction ceremony for Senior Vice Commander Faery, Junior Vice Commander Straley, Quartermaster Brushaber, 3-Year Trustee Henkel, 2-Year Trustee Tarby, and 1-Year Trustee Troutman.

Induction of New Members. Past Post Commander Totten presided over an induction ceremony for new members Joel Buys and Jennifer Buys.

14. Good of the Order –

- a. Trujillo placed the following item in the meeting agenda for 20 June 2016: "Modify our Website." This item will be discussed at our 18 July 2016 meeting.

15. Closing Ceremony

- a. **Closing Prayer.** Acting Chaplain Tarby offered a prayer s
- b. **Adjournment.** At 2020 hours, Faery announced that this business session of VFW Post 4266 is closed and the next regular meeting will be on Monday, 18 July 2016 with the recommended uniform consisting of casual attire with VFW uniform caps

Submitted by Keith Troutman
Acting Adjutant of VFW Post 4266
Reformatted by Gerard Brushaber