



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
PARKER VFW POST 4266
P.O. Box 4266
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Minutes for Meeting of 17 October 2016

Call to Order: Commander Reuben Trujillo called the meeting to order at 1910 hours on 17 October 2016.

Opening Prayer: Acting Chaplain Floyd Merenkov offered a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance: Members recited the Pledge

Commanders Comments: Thanks Thom Straley (Jr Vice) for standing in and conducting September meeting. Cmdr Trujillo provided trivia on why the flag is folded in a triangle and what the meaning of the thirteen folds represent.

Introduction of Guests: None

Officer Roll Call: Acting Adjutant Jeff Hawk call roll call.

Commander	Reuben Trujillo	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Fred Faery	Absent
Junior Vice Commander	Thom Straley	Present
Quartermaster	Gerard Brushaber	Present
Chaplain	John Denslow	Absent
Adjutant	Peter Solano	Absent
Judge Advocate	Gerard Brushaber	Present
Surgeon	John Denslow	Absent
3-Year Trustee	Roland Henkel	Absent
2-Year Trustee	Floyd Merenkov	Absent
1-Year Trustee	Keith Troutman	Present
Service Officer	Floyd Merenkov	Absent

Reading and Approval of Minutes: All members were e-mailed a copy of the September 2016 minutes. Evan and Floyd moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

Quartermaster's Report: Brushaber explained the September QM report with some details about receipts and disbursements.

1. Beginning Bank Account Balance: \$17,969.41
2. Total Receipts: \$344.76
3. Disbursements: \$306.21
4. Ending Bank Account Balance: \$18,007.96
5. Ending Balance Breakout:
 - a. General Fund: \$3302.02
 - b. Relief Fund: \$14512.92
 - c. Dues Reserve Fund: \$193.02

QM note that he received approval from two of the Trustees with certification signatures from one. Evan and Floyd moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion was amended to accept both the QM and the Trustee Report be accepted. Troutman and Straley moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports.

Membership. Brushaber stated while National HQ reports our Post's membership stands at 68 members and last year total was pegged at 67 so we are at 100% plus 1! , a Post 4266 membership query indicates 77 members. Discussion on new member, Joseph Layman (sp), who is VA Assistant Service Officer in Lakewood. Need DD214 and vote must be taken on him.

Relief: Brushaber advised there is nothing new to report.

Buddy Poppy. Totten advised that he reserved two locations for our fall fund-raising activities on 12 & 13 Nov 2016 from 0800-1600 hours, i.e., King Soopers at Castle Pines and Marketplace King Soopers on Cottonwood Drive in Parker. The Parker Task Force is also scheduled to be present, but its soliciting activities should not interfere with ours. Brushaber volunteered to help set up at the Castle Pines store with Merenkov, and Totten volunteered to set up at the Parker store. Comments were made by several members about the importance of having enough volunteers at both locations on both Saturday and Sunday throughout our fund-raising weekend. Brushaber to put out a query schedule.

Publicity. Brushaber advised there is nothing new to report.

Youth Activities. Straley advised there is nothing new to report.

Americanism: Input is due to our Post NLT 1 Nov 2016 for Patriots' Pen (Middle School 6th through 8th Grade) and Voice of Democracy (High School 9th through 12th Grade). Committee formed to review and make selection with recommendation to Commander.

Ways and Means. Brushaber advised there is nothing new to report.

Community Activities. Totten commented that individual community service hours need to be reported to Commander Trujillo, and our Post's total community service activities are an inspection item which is noted by our chain of command at District level and higher. Brushaber suggested placing a reminder for all members in our minutes and specifically directing our members to e-mail their volunteer service hours to Brushaber since Cmdr Trujillo will be out of town.

Service. Merenkov was not present, and members present had nothing new to report.

Legislative. Totten stated that Congress is putting legislative pressure on the VA to provide more timely medical care to all veterans and especially to those veterans on the VA's backlog list. The lead lobbyists in these efforts are the VFW and the American Legion.

Remember our National Home for Children. Acting Chaplain Evan Totten offered a prayer.

Unfinished Business.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) Committee: Vacancy appear to be causing a general slowdown in operations and activities. When the new-hires get trained, he expects the operations and activities to return to normal. Tarby stated he delivered seven boxes of goods, and the contents of these boxes are still being delivered to individual veterans. The committee has approximately \$320.00 remaining in its budget for this project.

Poker Tournament: Nothing new to report

Charity Donation Committee: Brushaber reported that the Post has received no new requests for charitable donations.

Post's Urgent Requirement for a Permanent Adjutant: Solicited the members present about filling our Post's vacant Adjutant slot, but there were no volunteers.

New Business.

District 10 Meeting: There were no Post 4266 members at this recent meeting.

District 10 Inspection: District 10 staff was due to inspect our Post at this meeting on 17 Oct 2016 but did not show.

For the Good of the Order. N/A

Closing Ceremony.

Closing Prayer. Acting Chaplain Tarby offered a prayer.

Adjournment. At 2030 hours, Commander Trujillo announced that this business session of VFW Post 4266 is closed and the next regular meeting will be on Monday, 21 Nov 2016 with the recommended uniform consisting of VFW polo shirt with VFW uniform caps.

Submitted by Jeff Hawk

Acting Adjutant of VFW Post 4266

Edited by Gerard Brushaber