



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
PARKER VFW POST 4266  
P.O. Box 4266  
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## Minutes for Meeting of 16 January 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Commander Reuben Trujillo called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on 16 January 2017.
2. **Opening Prayer** Acting Chaplain Floyd Merenkov 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	Absent
c. Junior Vice Commander	Tom Straley	Present
d. Quartermaster	Gerard Brushaber	Present
e. Chaplain	John Denslow	Absent
f. Adjutant(acting)	Gerard Brushaber	Present
g. Judge Advocate	Gerard Brushaber	Present
h. Surgeon	John Denslow	Absent
i. 3 Year Trustee	Roland R. Henkel	Absent
j. 2 Year Trustee	Floyd Merenkov	Present
k. 1 Year Trustee	Keith Troutman	Present
l. Service Officer	Floyd Merenkov	Present

Commander Trujillo determined there was a quorum present.

7. **Recognition of Guests.** New member Matt Wiebers.
8. **Reading of the minutes** – All members were e-mailed a copy of the Nov & Dec 2016 minutes. Merenkov and Straley moved and seconded to approve both minutes. Motion passed.
9. **Quartermasters Report** QM Brushaber reviewed two Qm reports Nov & Dec December detail of receipts and Disbursements.
  1. Beginning Bank Account Balance: \$22,487.00
  2. Receipts: \$5070.00 which included \$5020 donation from SpaceCon, & \$50 Maury Wilson
  3. Disbursements: \$963.59 which included \$511.43 Hickory House Party, \$300 Patriot Pen Award
  4. Ending Bank Account Balance: \$26,593.41
  5. Ending Balance Breakout:
    - General Fund: \$7078.17
    - Relief Fund: \$19,311.22
    - Dues Reserve Fund: \$204.02QM noted that the Ending Bank balance was larger than the QM bond of \$25k and that we need to donate a lot this month. Also noted he received certification signatures from two Trustees present, i.e., Merenkov, and Troutman. Merenkov and Straley moved and seconded that his report be accepted. Motion passed
10. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Membership** – one new member was present, i.e., Matt Weibers. Totten and Faery moved and seconded that his membership be approved and their motion passed. Although John Walker was not present, Brushaber and Merenkov moved and seconded that his membership be approved and their motion passed.

- b. Relief/Buddy Poppy** – Brushaber advised that We need to purchase Buddy Poppies for this season which is mandated by National. Suggested 6000 be purchased. Merenkov and Straley moved and seconded that his report be accepted. Motion passed.
  - c. Publicity** – Brushaber advised there is nothing new to report.
  - d. Youth** – Straley advised there is nothing new to report.
  - e. Ways and Means** Brushaber advised nothing new to report.
  - f. Community Activities** noted that Colorado Coalition committee needed a chairman. Fred Faery was not at the meeting. Brushaber suggested we switch to the local Step Seven which we could then give a donation again like CCH only for veterans. Tabled discussion. Discussed participation in Parker days Parade but was noted that the deadline was back in Nov 16. Merenkov said he would check with Ron Sorlien since his wife may be involved with PDP. Reuben Trujillo brought up about getting VFW Challenge coins or some other VFW handout with our Post # to pass out to local businesses. Brushaber volunteered to check items in the VFW store. Also putting ads in local Parker Newspapers to promote the Post.
  - g. Service Officer** Merenkov requested permission to provide certificates of appreciation for Congressman Bucks office and staff for assistance with his VA claim. No need for a vote and he was given the green light. Also discussed the Vet requesting assistance/money from Post for his engine to be rebuilt in Loveland and was offered a welding job by Reuben but he couldn't provide welding certification nor did it sound like he really wanted to work. Mentioned that we should not give out locations or address of any member to these people looking for hand - outs.
  - h. Legislative** – Absent nothing to report.
- 11. Prayer for the National Home for Children.** Acting Chaplain Merenkov offered a prayer.
- 12. Unfinished Business**
- a. Donations.** Reuben Trujillo who organized the SpaceCon donation noted that the company picked the National Home for Children as a charity to donate the raised funds. Motion made to donate \$2500 to the charity from the Post relief fund. Merenkov and Straley moved and seconded. Motion passed. Another charity was brought up the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimmons and Merenkov made a motion to donate \$1000.00. Seconded by Thom Straley. Motion passed. Discussed donating to the WWII Memorial Honor Flights to Washington D.C but tabled.
- 13. New Business and for the Good of the Order.**
- Mentioned that the website needed picture and Minutes updates. Brushaber took the action item. Discussed posting photos of our members from their overseas/war time service on website. Discussed about forming a building research committee to explore a permanent home for the Post? Need donation of building or building site? Reuben's contracting connections could be useful to help build or renovate a property. Mentioned that our post needs a permanent Adjutant. I mentioned the Tony Naples sounded as if he is interested but still has Army commitments that prohibits his coming to the meetings; maybe Feb.
- 14. Induction of New Post 4266 member.** Post Commander Trujillo presided over an induction ceremony for New Member Matt Wiebers.
- 15. Closing Ceremony**
- a. Closing Prayer.** Acting Chaplain Merenkov offered a prayer.
  - b. Adjournment.** At 2020 hours, Trujillo announced that this business session of VFW Post 4266 is closed and the next regular meeting will be on Monday, 20 February 2017 with the recommended uniform consisting of casual attire Polos with VFW uniform caps

With help from Floyd Merenkov Submitted by Gerard Brushaber  
Acting Adjutant of VFW Post 4266.