

Curtenius Guard Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2012
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Dennis Zank assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Dennis Zank opened the meeting per the Ritual at 7:10 PM.

II. Roll Call of Officers:

Brothers Present: D. Bankhead, G. Copenhagen, W. Haines, K. Harrison, H. Holcomb, James Pahl Sr., R. Payne, G. Roux, B. Shumway, R. Shull, D. Traub, D. Zank.

Brothers Excused: L. Aves, C. Bauer, M. Haines, R. Hamilton, N. Harrison, C. Langworthy, J. Nash, W. Peabody, J.A. Pahl, R. Petrovic, S. Recline, W. Steele, W. Zowe.

III. Roll Call of Camp:

Brothers Present: P. Arnold, B. Benedict, T. Copenhagen, B. MacVean, J. Shumway,

IV. Welcome to Guests:

Guests; No guests present today.

V. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes as transmitted. Second. Motion passed.

VI. Treasurers Report: A motion was made to approve of the treasurers report, as transmitted. Second. Motion passed. Dues for two members paid from the benevolent fund. The Camp IRS 990 Form completed and filed. The Camp #17 Annual Report #22 has been completed and filed with the Department of Michigan SUVCW. It was

determined that we need to contact Kyle Emerick directly about continuation of his membership. Previous communication, through his father is not satisfactory. Brother Emerick is in the military and his 2012 dues remain unpaid? It decided that we needed to contact him directly and explain that he could accept an honorable discharge now. Camp # 17 could easily reinstate his membership at a future date. Three others we contacted about the need to pay there 2012 dues. They all indicated there desire to be dropped from our rolls. Keith Harrison made a motion stating they may be reinstated if they catch up on their dues. Second. Motion Passed.

VII. Concern for Brothers:

Concerns expressed for the following Brothers: Laverne Aves, Charles Langworthy - Brother Langworthy is in the assisted living, Charles Bauer, Brian Shumway- scheduled for surgery. Concerns for the family of Brother Alan R. Loomis, Past National Commander-Chief who passed away were stated. Sympathy mentioned for family for Jeff Adams who passed in a tragic accident.

VIII. Reading of applications from candidates for membership:

Our new applicant and candidate for initiation is Stephen Latchaw. Motion made by Brother Brian Shumway to approve his application to be a member. Brother Dave Bankhead provided a Second. Motion Passed.

IX. Balloting for Candidates for Membership:

The old ballot box was located and each member lined up and cast his vote. The ballot box was opened and it was determined Stephen Latachaw was to be initiated into Curtenius Guard Camp # 17.

X. Initiation of New Brothers:

Company Commander Dennis Zank and his Officers preformed the initiation, following the normal ritual. A round of applause from all the members present provided a warm welcome to Brother Latchaw. Brother Latchaw is from Charlotte.

XI. Recess:

Civil War era music enjoyed during the break.



XII. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: – We attended a meeting held in Lansing. 19 graves registrations were completed during the month of February, and six so far in March.

GAR Monuments: – No Report.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: – No report.

Membership: - No new applications.

Veterans Day: No report.

Military Affairs: - No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity: - Brother Mark Hoffman will be giving the next seminar presentation.

Hall Restoration: – The big question continues to be, when will our contractor get to our job? Supposedly, the holdup has been the cold weather. That excuse is starting to get old. Dave Bankhead keeps trying to continue communication. The latest discussion expects the contractor will schedule our job in the next week. I refuse to start holding my breath until it is completed. The Eaton County Historical Society has offered to allow us to apply for a grant. To apply we need to state what amount we are applying for and how the money used. The grant could help with the completion of the halls exterior restoration. A motion made and amended to submit the paperwork to the Eaton County Historical Society to apply for the available grant. We will apply for up to \$1000.00. Any money provided to be for repair of the exterior of the hall. Second. Motion passed.

Memorial Day Activities: We have received the following requesting our attendance. Including: Mt. Hope Cemetery, (Saturday, May 26, 2012), Eaton Rapids Parade, and Woodland Cemetery (May 28, 2012). We will participate at Mt Hope Cemetery, and Woodland Cemetery. The Eaton Rapids Parade remains questionable.

Grinnell Award: Current controversy exists over the purpose for this award. It is expected to be hot a topic at the Department of Michigan Encampment. Brother James T. Lyons was originally from Camp # 17. Brother James Pahl stated, "He was one of the spark plugs from this camp". A controversy has developed because the award causes one camp to compete against another. The award then presented to the camp that is determined to be the most competitive.

**XIII. Orders and Communications:
Dept. Encampment March 30 and 31,
2012**

Candidates for Michigan Department Officers from Camp #17: Brothers Paul "David" Arnold candidate for Michigan

Dept. Commander, and Brother Bruce Benedict for Michigan Dept. Guide We hope to elect two of our Camp # 17 Brothers.
Brother Arnold gave a campaign speech.

XIV. Old Business: None to report.

XV. New Business: - Report.
ECHS Grant application covered above.

XVI. Good of the Order:

What could make the meetings more interesting and increase attendance?
Topics mentioned include.

-Have various members give short speeches about their relatives Civil War history, or other Civil War history.

-Provide information about when to uncover, stand.etc. It was determined to have the Secretary of Camp 17, forward a memo with this information.

- Car pool rides to meetings, and offer to pick up those who are no longer able to drive.

-Play a Trivia Game about the Civil War.

Door Prize; Nonfiction Book about the Civil War Battle that took place at Shiloh, and a Civil War Collectors Knife.

Brother Wolf Zowe is in Germany. Next year Brother Brian Shumway indicated that he has plans to travel to Europe. He has scheduled his travel plans to include meeting with Brother Wolf Zowe.

XVII. Patriotic Instructors Report:
No Report.

XIV. Closing Ritual: The Camp closed at 9:00 PM.

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