

American Legion District 8 District Meeting Minutes  
13 September 2020  
Post 202 Columbia, MO

- Meeting was opened by Vice Commander Brian Sapp. Opening prayer was conducted by Chaplain Christine Sapp. Roll Call was taken with the following Officers present:
  - Vice Commander Brian Sapp
  - Chaplain Christine Sapp
  - Assistant Sergeant at Arms Paul Backues.
- Past District Commander Charley Goodin was in attendance.
- The following County Commanders were present:
  - Bruce Miller - Cooper County
  - Paul Backues - Osage County
- There were 14 members present for the meeting:
  - Post 5 - 7 members
  - Post 52 - 1 members
  - Post 152 - 2 members
  - Post 202 - 2 members
  - Post 317 - 1 members
  - Post 1111 - 1 members
- There were no minutes from the previous meeting since it was cancelled.
- Vice Commander Sapp read the Finance Report. A motion was made by Jim Rosenberg to accept the report pending audit, seconded by Dan Levasseur. After questions by Charley Goodin and Dan Levasseur, the motion was approved and passed.
  - Overall balance including checkbook and CDs is \$19,926.46
  - One set of CD's was auto-renewed for 12 months earlier in the summer but the other CD that expired in August 2020 was cashed out to look for better rates from other banks. That \$5219.46 is already included in the overall balance above.
  - For visibility purposes, Vice Commander Sapp let everyone know that the two American Legion coin sets that were purchased for District 8 to use as raffle items are in his possession at his residence. We can decide the best use for them after lock-downs ease.
  - Motion was then made by Jim Rosenberg, seconded by Christine Sapp, to pay \$41.98 for the District website subscription. Motion passed.
  - New District Commander will appoint an audit committee after elections.
- Vice Commander Sapp provided a membership report for the District.
  - District 8 finished the 2020 membership year at 88.87%, 7th out of the 16 districts.
  - It was noted that Department Senior Vice Commander Gary Grigsby sent an email to the districts to remind everyone that we only have 30 days from the time a renewal is received to get that information submitted to the Department Headquarters. Do not hold on to groups of renewals for months to submit all at the end.
  - Posts are already off to a good start for the 2021 year with 14 of the 24 Posts in the District already meeting the Sep 10 2020 goal of 50% or more. The next membership target dates are:
    - Oct 15 2020 - 55%
    - Nov 12 2020 - 65%
    - Dec 11 2020 - 75%
    - Jan 21 2021 - 80%
    - Feb 10 2021 - 85%
    - Mar 10 2021 - 90%
    - Apr 14 2021 - 95%
    - May 12 2021 - 100%
- Committee Reports were given by
  - Christine Sapp (Oratorical),

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- Charley Goodin (Legislative),
- Dan Levasseur (Legion Riders).
- County Reports were given by
  - Bruce Miller (Cooper County)
  - Paul Backues (Osage County)
- Post Commander Reports were given by:
  - Jim Rosenberg - Post 5. Gary Kempker, incoming Commander for Post 5 was introduced. Discussed renovations for the Post as well as the new mural outside. Kudos given to the renovation committee.
  - Bruce Miller - Post 52
  - Brian Sapp - Post 152
  - Doug Garrett - Post 202
  - Ioana Florescu - Post 1111.
- Sick call was covered with individuals who are sick or injured. Terry McDonald, Post 202 and Past District 8 Commander, accepted to stem cell program and still going through chemo treatments. Past Post 152 Commanders Frankie Crane and Danny Farris also dealing with various health issues. Past Boone County Commander Ralph Skelly at Mexico Veteran Home.
- Elections took place and the following people were announced as candidates:
  - Commander - Brian Sapp, Vice Commander - Daniel Levasseur, Adjutant - (Appointed) Paul Backues, Finance Officer - Richard Pack, Judge Advocate - Gerald Turner, Chaplain - Christine Sapp, Historian - John Picray, Service Officer - Dee Dee Mehmert-Cryderman, Sergeant At Arms - Carl Smith, Asst Sgt At Arms - Vacant.
  - The floor was opened for nominations. Christine Sapp nominated Don Cryderman for Sergeant At Arms. It was then announced that Carl Smith wished to resign as Sergeant At Arms due to not being able to make most meetings.
  - After the third call for nominations, Charley Goodin made a motion that nominations cease and to approve the candidates by acclamation and was seconded by Jim Rosenberg. Motion passed.
  - Past District Commander Charley Goodin installed the incoming officers. Included in the ceremony was Ioana Florescu, incoming Post Commander for post 1111.
- The meeting was then adjourned.

Paul Backues Adjutant District 8