

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp # 356
March 10, 2018

Call to Order: Commander Floyd called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: Present were Command and Patriotic Instructor Floyd; Sr. Vice-Commander, Memorial Officer, and Camp Council Member Beck; Jr. Vice-Commander, Signals Officer, and Graves Registration Officer Beckman; Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian Thompson; Chaplain Winters; and Eagle Scout Coordinator and Camp Council Member Bowyer. In all, twelve brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes stand approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: There was one correction on this report. Under Alliance Capital, the ending balance should be dated 9/2017. The treasurer's report stands approved as corrected.

Brothers In Distress: Brother Kolb's mother is very ill.

Application Received: The camp received the application of Gary Ryan Dismore, who derives his membership from his ancestor William Dismore, who served as a private in Company G of the 82nd Indiana Infantry.

Committee Report: They are still investigating the cost of having Ben Harrison 356 embroidered on our ball caps hats and adding the patches sold by the Department.

Old Business:

* Midwinter Encampment: The midwinter encampment went very well. Brother Bowyer remarked that we are welcome to return to the church. We will send a [REDACTED] donation to the church.

* Indiana Flags: Commander Floyd discussed the cost of purchasing 12" x 18" Indiana flags ([REDACTED]). Brother Beckman moved to purchase 100 flags, seconded by Brother Wilson. The motion passed.

Events: We discussed the Lincoln Day celebration and recent Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. We have a tentative dates for the Putnam County Monument Rededication (July 1, 2018) and the Morgan County Cannon/Mortar Refurbishing and Camp Picnic (August 4, 2018). Brother Hutchinson is working on gaining access to the Veterans Memorial Coliseum GAR artifacts and the William A. Clark headstone installation in Terre Haute. During lunch, Brother Beckman gave a presentation on the Civil War and the 1970s. After lunch, we continued with:

* Memorial Day: Commander Floyd and Sister Thompson have been working on our plans to recreate the ceremonies that occurred at Crown Hill Cemetery and a cemetery in Evansville 150 years ago. We will be honoring five soldiers in Section 16. Brother Beck will get four flag holders for this ceremony.

* Cemetery Cleaning: Brother Beckman will bring the tripod top to the next meeting so Commander Floyd can see if the wench will fit in the hook. Brother Beckman moved to purchase five gallon of D-2 at the cost of [REDACTED], seconded by Brother Winters. The motion passed.

* General Orders: Commander Floyd gave a summary of recent General Orders, but we need to make changes listed in General Order #18 in our By-Laws to enable National to include our camp in a group exemption under their 501c3 status.

New Business:

* DAR Medal: Sister Thompson received the Women in American History Award last week for her work as newsletter editor for the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, her four

volume book on the Eighth Indiana, preserving family records, teaching history, and designing a history course for home schoolers.

* Patriotic Report: Commander Floyd filed our Camp's Patriotic Instructor report with the Department.

* Bethel Cemetery: Brother Beckman discussed what he learned about the moving of this cemetery at the public meeting on February 24. There are approximately 170 graves that will be moved at the expense of the airport starting in May. The new site will be rededicated in 2019. John Flood from IUPUI is in charge of the Veteran graves. There are five Civil War veterans and four War of 1812 veterans. We plan to ask him to our next meeting and will discuss ordering new headstones for the Civil War veterans.

* Camp Website: Commander Floyd has created our new camp website. He had transferred things that used to be on our old website (which we cannot access due to a date breach in December 2017). He and Brother Beckman will keep this updated.

* Book Sale income: Brother Beck presented [REDACTED] to the camp for the books sold at the Midwinter Encampment.

* By Law changes: We discussed several changes including the lowering of the number needed for a quorum, the names of listed officers, and the changes required by National. Brother Beckman moved we table these changes until after the National Encampment, seconded by Brother Wilson.

* Upcoming Events: Commander Floyd sharing upcoming events: Civil War Show at Beech Grove High School (March 23-24), Eagle Scout Courts of Honor (March 17, and April 28), Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (April 28), Final Cemetery Cleaning in Shelbyville (May 12), Memorial Day (May 28), Department Encampment (June 2), Putnam County Civil War Monument Re-dedication in Greencastle (July 1), Independence Day Public Picnic at Post #500 (July 4), National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts (August 9-12), Central Region Association meeting (October 6), and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg (November 17).

* Reimbursement for Website: Brother Wilson moved we reimburse Commander Floyd for the costs of setting up our website, seconded by Brother Beckman. The motion passed. Commander Floyd showed a video of a two-year-old reciting the Gettysburg Address for our Patriotic Instruction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with appropriate ceremony.

Jerry Thompson, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

Date