SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
EDWARD W. THOMPSON, POST 49, MONTHLY MEETING

Date; 13 Sept, 2016
Chaplain's Prayer
Opening ceremonies
Roll Call;

Commander; Ben Newton X	Sr. Vice Com.; Marc Till X
Jr. Vice Com.; Roger Bush X	Fin. Officer; Greg McCormack X
Adjutant; Steve Hamilton X	Sgt-at-Arms; Mike Hollis (no)
Historian; Tim Sanford X	Chaplain; John Michael McCormack X
Reg. Mem. Rep.; Jim Montgomery X	Also in Attendance; Kevin Ferguson

A quorum was made
Meeting Called to Order; 7:06
Sick Call; Chrissy Till has been sent home from the hospital and is recuperating
Reading of the minutes from the previous month;
Motion to accept; Kevin Support; Marc *Motion carried*
Adjutant's report; Steve read the report stating the information from the Legion site was down and uncertain of percentages. However, we have taken dues from 10 current members and 1 new member. Motion; Kevin Support; Tim *Motion Carried*
Finance Report; Greg read the current balance in the account of $6,347.49
Steve stated he has been making purchases of uniforms for the Honor Guard out of the SONS acct. Thus far one purchase has been reimbursed and more has been submitted. Steve made a motion to accept the finance report (pending audit) Support; Tim *Motion carried*
Old Business; *Steve brought up the need for $400.00 for additional security cameras. Kevin stated a total of $800 was needed for the project and will ask the Auxiliary for money also. Two of the cameras are designated for the parking lot. Motion; Steve Support; Marc *Motion carried*
*Marc made the point that the soffit on the shed was not finished and more work needs to be done there before winter. Also, the shed needs a coat of finish
New Business; *Steve stated Marilyn from the Ladies Auxiliary has asked if the S.A.L. would take over the funeral luncheons. Kevin will ask the Legionnaires will assist in this endeavor. The results of the vote were unanimous that we respectfully decline the offer.
*Kevin spoke his appreciation for the efforts of the S.A.L. and the bartenders for raising funds for an AED. It is his hope to purchase a better than basic unit. We currently have accumulated over $1,100 and need $200 to $300 more.
*The bartenders will offer foot-long chili cheese dogs for the last Friday night dinner. Profits will go to the AED
*Ben raised the issue of S.A.L. Brother Bret Novi who has recently undergone surgery and is in need of financial help. It was determined that Ben will inquire of his specific needs and we authorize up to $250.00 to this cause. More funds *may* be available in the future if needed. Steve made a motion to this effect, Supported by Greg *Motion carried*
*Jim brought up the state of the American Flag and the service flags at the memorial and the light in the front. It is a disgrace and disrespectful to our flag. New flags will be ordered in the next purchase from Flag and Emblem. Ben recently replaced the rope on the front flag.

*Roger asked about who is in charge of the raising and lowering of the flag. John Michael informed the board that there is an app. available. Steve will get the app. on his phone to keep up on the information.
*Valor needs assistance with splitting and stacking wood. Steve offered his splitter and several offered chainsaws. Tim suggested the City of South Haven might assist with tools (chainsaws)
*Ben asked about a fallen tree on Legion property. Kevin stated he has addressed this with SON member Bub Mckie who will cut and remove this tree.
*Kevin wanted Ben to put on a pig roast for all. A request for an open liquor license will be made so the meal and bar will be open to the public.
For the Good of the SONS;
Closing Ceremonies/Chaplain's Prayer
Meeting Adjourned; 8:09

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hamilton