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Prior to the start of the meeting, Eagle Scouts Daniel O'Brien, Zack Whitley, and Aled Fain were recognized and received "Good Citizenship certificates from the Post. Also, William Wieties was presented with a certificate and pin for 60 years of continuous membership and Charles Reimer was presented a certificate and pin for 50 years of continuous membership.

Following the formal opening ceremonies transfer member Eugene Mitchell was introduced to the membership.

The finance report was given and approved without addition or correction. The Adjutant's report was postponed due to the fact that he did not have it available to read. It will be given at the June meeting.

Service Officer Report – Thanks to those that stood Vidal at the war memorials.

Building Committee Report –

Experienced an electrical problem with the beer cooler. All is taken care of now and equipment is running fine.

Homecoming Committee Report – All moving along.

Fish Fry Committee Report –

This has been the best year since the program was started. County Marked played a big part in the success with their sponsorship.

Old Business – The second nomination and election of Officers was held for the 2009-2010 term. The officers will be Commander Pat Schad, Sr. Vice Commander Greg Harris, Jr Vice Commander Trevor Bierd, Chaplin John Haines, Finance Officer Dan Bedell, Service officer Les Morgan, Sgt @ Arms Dan Freeman. Rick Schmitgen was appointed to the office of Adjutant. The formal installation will take place at the August meeting.

New Business – Joe Ori talked about Operation Support Illinois Troops. They have collected approx 20K dollars in items to be shipped to Illinois troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. They would appreciate any monetary support to help offset the cost of mailing. A motion was made by Lee Patton to donate \$200. A 2nd was received by Steve White. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Adam Muller sent a request to the Post requesting financial help with this Eagle Scout project (landscaping in front of the Chatham Senior Center. A motion to donate \$100 was made by Les Morgan 2nd by Otto Fagogolia to donate \$100. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Letters Received – Thank you from the Honor Flight program for the Post's support of \$500.

Thank you from the Chatham Community Food Pantry for giving numerous free meals at this last round of Fish Fry's.

Thank you to Gary and Joe Ori for preparing this meeting's meal.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$14.50 was won by Charles Reimer.