

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on September 23, 2020

6:30 Social without food or bottle water.

7:00 Guest Speaker, Recorded interview with Ken Pridgeon, portrait painter.

7:15 Post Membership Training on "The meaning of POW/MIA Day by Commander McGuire

Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire at 7:30pm

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call; Missing were 1st Vice Commander, and Historian.

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on August 26, 2020 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on September 9, 2020 were read.

Introduction of guests; Harry Woodstrom and Ernie Cormier Past Commanders and Butch Sparks current National Executive Board Member.

No new members were present.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our report shows an ending balance of \$8,409 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 21 members present.

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Several members are at home recovering from; Cancer, COPD, Covid-19 and many other conditions.

Service Officer; Assisted 10 Veterans with filing out Military Documents and another who needed help while moving from Florida to Texas. He contacted me to ask for finances to assist his family. Jody Castro made a motion to assist this veteran with \$300 dollars, motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, motion passed.

1st Vice Commander; Not here, but it looks like we will meet our September Goal.

2nd Vice Commander; No safety fest this year, it will be virtual, we will make a video of our programs to show during our time slot provided.

Judge Advocate; Will need to update C & B/L soon.

Boys State; Will need a new Chairmen for this program to continue, asking for a good volunteer.

Honor Guard; 5 Funerals, for 64 Service Hours.

Board of Trustees; October 3rd will be a clean-up post day, starts at 10:00am, all are welcome.

Public Relations; Provided press release to newspapers on Ken Pridgeon, portrait painter who painted the paintings of 1LT Rozier to display in our Post, also met with Katy Chamber for dedication update.

Initiation of Candidates; None at this time.

Unfinished Business; None at this time.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast ; October 3rd

Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting is October 14th 2nd Vice will conduct this meeting.

District 22 DEC meeting is October 11th at Post 472

Next Post Membership Meeting is October 28th

Flag Collection scheduled for November 7th

Flag Retirement scheduled for November 14th

School Supplies not to exceed \$300.00 dollars. Harry Woodstrom motioned for our Post to purchase these school supplies, motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, motion passed.

Building Sign Cost is \$5595.00 dollars. Harry Woodstrom motioned to accept this bid, Motion 2nd by Butch Sparks, a discussion on color, material of letters and mounting followed, no further discussion, Motion passed.

Construction on Junior Shooting room/Post meeting room, costing \$1,000 for Junior Shooting and Post cost \$1,500. Motion made by Harry Woodstrom to pay these costs, motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, motion passed.

Building Dedication Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday October 20th at 1:00pm Programs on display will be; Boys State, Oratorical, Flag Collection, Community Service, School Supplies, Honor Guard, Junior Shooting, and Membership Table.

Building Grand Opening scheduled for Saturday October 24th from 9 to 1pm and Sunday October 25th from 1 to 3pm will have the same program tables ready for the general public to review.

A Halloween Party called Trunk or Treat was discussed. Harry Woodstrom motioned that this event be at our post, motion 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, motion passed.

Oratorical Program scheduled for December 5th needed a location. Harry Woodstrom motioned to have this program at our post, motion 2nd by Tony Hart, no discussion, motion passed.

Any ideas for Community Events, or other fund raising activities contact 2nd Vice Commander.

The Good of The American Legion

We need to continue Recruiting New Members.

Ernie Cormier is asking for help in cleaning the flag burning barrels on October 5th 9:00am

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recover the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

James McGuire
Commander