

American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on October 28, 2020

6:30 Social without food or drinks.

7:00 Post Everlasting Ceremony for Raymond Downs

7:25 Post Membership Training on "Get Out the Vote" by Harry Woodstrom

Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire at 7:45pm

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Roll Call; Missing was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, & Chaplain.

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on September 23, 2020 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on October 14, 2020 were read.

Introduction of guests; Harry Woodstrom Past Commander.

1 Prospective new member was introduced and he spoke about his background. Harry Woodstrom motioned that we accept his applications, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion by Wally Klekar, no discussion, motion passed.

Awards –

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our report shows an ending balance of \$4,457.00

Sergeant at Arms; 28 members present.

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Several members are having medical issues and are at home recovering from their illnesses.

Service Officer; 2 Veterans helped with filing for Military Records or sent to other resources.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Home recovering from illness, Resigned from the office effective 10-01-2020.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Met with Katy Mayor to describe Wreaths Across America program, our Fire Fighter and Police officer awards program, and Veterans Day activities.

Membership; We have met our post goal for October, but we all must keep looking.

Judge Advocate; Not Here.

Boys State; Still trying to put a program together for this year.

Honor Guard; 10 Funerals, 1 Flag Ceremony, 140 Service Hours.

Board of Trustees; Some construction has been completed.

Public Relations; NRA Magazine has article on our Post, Flag retirement video in the making, and Post Dedication video is in progress.

Initiation of Candidates

1 New member was initiated into Post 164

Unfinished Business; None at this time

Correspondence;

A thank you card from American Legion Department of Louisiana Auxiliary for everything you have transported to us in a time of our State Disaster. Kate Kelsay, President

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast November 7th was cancelled

Post 164 Executive Committee Meeting is November 11th

District 22 DEC meeting is November 15th

Next Post Membership Meeting is January 27, 2021

Flag Collection on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Bass Pro Shop, ACE Hardware Mason Rd, ACE Hardware Pin Oak, and Loews Hardware on Hy 10

Flag Retirement scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm behind ELKS Lodge.

New Business;

Sponsorship Program; This is for our membership to obtain local businesses to sponsor our post.

Harry Woodstrom motioned that this program be accepted, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Pizarra, no discussion, motion passed.

VA PTSD Group needed a daytime meeting place for about 5 to 10 Veterans who meet on Mondays.

Harry Woodstrom motioned that they meet at our post and a member be present, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wally Klekar, no discussion, motion passed. Katy Christin Ministries asked for a donation toward Turkeys for Veterans. Harry Woodstrom motioned that our post donate \$300.00 towards this Veterans program, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Pizarra, no discussion, motion passed.

VA Adopt a family Christmas program. VA will select three needy families. Harry Woodstrom motioned that our post be part of this Veteran program, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Hart, discussion followed, more information will be available at next executive meeting, motion tabled.

Bingo License for our post. Harry Woodstrom motioned that this will be a great fund raiser, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forrest Croom, no discussion, motion passed.

Finish JSSP room walls. Tony Hart motioned for an expense not to exceed \$600.00 be available for this procedure, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, motion passed.

Special Events at our building. Several interest in leasing our building for special small events have come to the board of trustees, therefor I, Tony Hart am making a motion that we prepare a contract for leasing this building, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, discussion was on contract and cost, this will be provided when the documents are prepared, no further discussion, motion passed.

1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander Vacancy; Harry Woodstrom motioned that the commander appoint Jeff Pizarra to fill the unexpired term and he be installed at a future Membership Meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forrest Croom, no discussion, motion passed.

The Good of The American Legion

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