

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday September 21, 2021

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Training on POW/MIA Ceremony and history by Commander McGuire

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Absent was the 1st Vice Commander, Historian, and Service Officer.

All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on August 25, 2021 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on September 9, 2021 were read.

Introduction of guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, Andy Valadez, 22nd District Public Affairs Officer, Ken Trunnell, 22nd District Historian.

Introduction of New Members; Mike Hines was introduced and spoke about his military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept his application, Forrest Croom 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards: None at this time.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows an ending balance of \$6,835 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 20 Members present and 2 Zoom Members

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Monte Ikner's Wife is under Doctors care.

Service Officer; Not here but assisted 3 Veterans with their documents to get VA Health Records.

1st Vice Commander; Not Here

Membership; Commander McGuire read the Monthly Report from Department of Texas.

2nd Vice Commander; Safety Fest was postponed until April 2022, Katy City Council talked about Wreaths Across America and collected \$200 dollars to get the season started, Started the distribution of First Responder Packets, also assisted with updating Membership support list.

Judge Advocate; Finance Records Audit was completed and NO discrepancies were noted.

Boys State; Will get started soon for class of 2022

Honor Guard; Not Here

Board of Trustees; Not Here.

Public Relations; Prepared media alert on 911 events that was in Katy Magazine.

Initiation of Candidates;

None at this time.

Unfinished Business;

Harry Woodstrom said to obtain a permit to erect the new Post sign that our building will need to comply with the fire code and will need an exit drawing posted.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

Commander McGuire spoke about a former American Legion member, Brian Salines, who needs money to help pay his rent. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to approve \$350 dollars to be used towards the rent, Motion 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we reimburse the Service Officer for \$350 dollars of his own money that was used towards a Veterans rent, Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, no discussion, Motion passed.

Announcements

Veterans Breakfast is on October 2nd from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on October 5th

Next Post Membership Meeting is on October 19th

Bingo License for Post was approved, no opening date for Dan's Paradise Bingo hall was announced.

Membership committee needs more volunteers see 1st Vice Commander for details.

Rice Festival parade is on October 2nd Volunteers need to be at Post by 7:30am to ride on float. Rice

Festival is on October 9th & 10th will need equipment and recruiting/membership documents transported to site location. Will need volunteers to meet at Post on Friday by 5 pm to get everything loaded.

Veterans Transition Coalition is on October 23rd in Houston, Commander and Adjutant will attend.

Trunk or Treat is on October 30th at Post 164 see Peter Batura for details and to volunteer.

Flag Collection and Poppy distribution will be on November 11th see Wally Klekar for details.

Flag Retirement will be on November 13th behind Elks Lodge at about 5:00pm

Oratorical Contest is scheduled for December 11th at Post 164

First Responders Banquet is scheduled for December 11th at Elks Lodge.

Wreaths Across America Event is scheduled for December 18th at Magnolia Cemetery.

The Good of The American Legion

Harry Woodstrom Motioned to send to the Sigmund Fund \$25.00 dollars for each member who went to post everlasting since the last contribution was made, Motion was 2nd by Ken Trunnell, no discussion, Motion passed. Adjutant will provide details.

Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the Post purchase a basic first aid kit for our building, Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.

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

Sergeant at Arms, recovers the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

James McGuire
Commander