

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday May 17, 2022

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Training - Mentorship By Peter Batura

7:30 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander McGuire

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

All Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on April 19, 2022 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on May 3, 2022 were read.

Introduction of guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, Lynn Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander and currently 22 District Finance Officer, Robert Harvey, Department of Texas Chaplain, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander, Will Miller, Past Commander, and Harry Woodstrom Past Commander, and Current Commander of District 22.

Introduction of Potential New Members; 4 Veterans were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application for membership, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards:

None at this time.

Reports:

1st Vice Commander; We are currently at 317 members or 98:45% of the Goal of 322 Members.

2nd Vice Commander; Safety Fest attracted over 5,000 people, thanks to all members who volunteered to help and make this possible. Also attended farewell program for Mayor Bill Hastings.

Finance Officer; We have \$8,060 Dollars in bank.

Judge Advocate; 31 Resolutions were sent to the National Executive Board, 6 of which are specifically important to us in Texas #1, #4, #5, #8, #23, and #28

Sergeant-at-Arms; 35 Members present 7 2 Visitors.

Service Officer; Assisted 3 Veterans with filling out documents and e-mail correspondence.

Sick Call and Unemployment; No Report

Public Relations; We are recording videos about community events where our post members did volunteer hours to show and tell how they promote The American Legion. Also recruiting a team of Public Relations supports to better cover all community events.

Honor Guard; 4 Funerals and 2 Flag Ceremonies, for 136 service hours.

Boys State; 23 Boys ready from Katy area.

Board of Trustees; Garage door fixed, Fire Alarm almost fixed.

Unfinished Business;

Department of Texas Convention July 13 to 17, 2022 in Austin. These members are selected to attend as delegates; Butch Sparks, Harry Woodstrom, James McGuire, and Peter Batura. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to accept these members as delegates to the Department of Texas Convention, Motion was 2nd by Morrow Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

Officer Candidate final Election;

Commander McGuire opened the floor for nominations for the following Officer Positions;

1. Sergeant-At-Arms: Kenneth Trunnell, Hearing no other nominations, Commander closed the Ballot. Butch Sparks Motioned for The Adjutant to cast 1 Ballot for Kenneth Trunnell, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion Passed.
2. Service Officer: Tracey McDonald, Hearing no other nominations, Commander closed the Ballot. Butch Sparks Motioned for The Adjutant to cast 1 Ballot for Tracey McDonald, Phill Yates 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion Passed.
3. Executive Committee Position #1 : Forrest Croom, Hearing no other nominations, Commander closed the Ballot. Butch Sparks Motioned for The Adjutant to cast 1 Ballot for Forrest Croom, Phil Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.
4. Executive Committee Position #2 : Deborah Bortisser, Hearing no other nominations, Commander closed the Ballot. Butch Sparks Motioned for The Adjutant to cast 1 Ballot for Deborah Bortisser, Kenneth Trunnell 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

New Business;

Installation of Post Officers

Newly elected Post Officers were installed by Lynn Sparks, Past Department of Texas Commander to the following positions for 2022 to 2023; Post Commander = Peter Batura, 1st Vice Commander = Roy Miller, 2nd Vice Commander = Philip Malsbary, Adjutant = William-Bill Kennison, Finance Officer = Harry Woodstrom, Judge Advocate = Butch Sparks, Chaplain = Glenda Hoffman, Historian = Phill Yates, Sergeant-at-Arms = Kenneth Trunnell, Tracey McDonald, Public Relations Officer = Andy Valadez, Position #1 Executive Committee = Forrest Croom, Position #2 Executive Committee = Deb Bortisser, Board of Trustees 5th Position = James McGuire

More New Business; Harry Woodstrom Motioned to Renew Bond for Post Officers, 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned to return Bus Fees to where they came from, Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, during discussion Ted Whiteman amended the Motion to send a letter to schools for a disposition of Bus Refund, Amendment was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, amendment passed, back to original Motion, no further discussion, original Motion passed. Finance Officer will send the letter.

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast is on June 4th from 7 to 10am Come at 6:00am to help set-up

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on June 7th at 7:30pm

Next Post Membership Meeting is on June 21st at 7:30pm

Bingo License for our Post; They have moved to Pasadena, might be ready in June.
Flag Retirement is June 11th at about 5:00pm behind Elks Lodge.

The Good of The American Legion;

Ernie Cormier needs volunteers to help him cleanout barrels before next Flag Retirement.

Wally Klekar spoke about the next Poppy Day and he will need volunteers for 6 locations.

Harry Woodstrom presented a "Gavel Set" to outgoing Commander McGuire.

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 9:25pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander