

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday September 20, 2022

6:30 Social Time – Pot Luck

7:00 Post Everlasting – Richard G. Rutledge

7:30 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was Chaplain and Service Officer

Introduction of guests and prospective new members; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164, and Current Commander of District 22, and Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22 and Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164.

Awards and Recognition; A Certificate of Completion on The American Legion Basic Training course was presented to Stephen Brady.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on August 16, 2022 were read.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on September 06, 2022 were read.

Commander asked if we need to shorten our meeting times maybe the Meeting Minutes need to be in a posted folder to be read by Membership before the next meeting. Harry Woodstrom motioned that a pending folder be placed on the Post web-site in the members area for reading of minutes of previous meetings for Members to review before the next meeting. Motion was 2nd by Kenneth Trunnell, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry says that he will get with the Webmaster and see when this can be accomplished. Also please note that there are several new additions to the Post front page.

Committee Report Highlights;

Finance Officer; We currently have \$8,607 dollars in the bank

Membership; We are at 56% of our goal, great early start at gaining new members.

Events: We went to City of Katy Council meeting and discussed with them some of the upcoming events. In October we will visit the First Responders mangers and discuss that they can now download and type in the boxes of the application forms at the Fire Stations.

Service; Not Here.

Honor Guard; 7 Funerals, 5 Flag Ceremonies, for 208 Service Hours.

Junior Shooting Sports Program; Our shooting program starts on October 8 at Post 164

Board of Trustees; The cost overage was due to shipping and taxes. More in new business

Building; Not Here

Riders; Not here, out planning on Trunk or Treat Halloween Event at Post 164

Public Relations; Covered the Vietnam Veterans Memorial ground breaking event. We will have an exhibit at Veterans Business Expo and sent a Media Alert for additional exposure.

Old or Unfinished Business;

Bingo Hall; Pending their Fire Inspection results, if passed, they will apply for the permit.

School Supplies; They will be purchased as the funds become available.

Key Events;

1. Katy Rice Parade & Festival; We will meet at VFW parking lot at 0730 to prepare the float. The Festival exhibits need to be transported to downtown and set-up Friday night or Saturday morning.

2. First Responders Dinner; In the planning stages.

3. Four Chaplains; In the planning stages.

4. Anniversary Ball; Planning for early in 2023

New Business;

1. Revised Membership Meeting times; Commander discussed about Membership meeting starting at 6:00pm with the Pot Luck, then Training at 6:30pm, and then start the Membership meeting at 7:00pm and maybe this will shorten the time and get everyone home at a decent hour. This was something for the Membership to think about and more to discuss at a future meeting.

2. Quarterly Awards and Member Initiation; Commander discussed about having a Quarterly Awards and Member Initiation event as they will be planned in advance and might even shorten the meeting times to about an hour.

3. Over budget on purchase of furniture. The furniture purchase was done over several weeks and prices did change and suppliers did change and there was shipping costs. Total overage was \$969.00

Butch Sparks Motioned to pay this additional cost, Motion was 2nd by Stephen Brady, no discussion, Motion passed.

5. Department of Texas raising Dues; Harry Woodstrom pulls a previous meeting Motion to increase our Dues, Motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned to table dues till our October meeting pending an e-mail to Membership explaining why dues need to be increased, Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, motion passed. 6. Maintenance of Elevator is \$185.00 a month.

Harry Woodstrom Motioned to approve this cost, Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. This Motion was reopened by Lora Gonzalez, to ask if MUB board will share in the cost, it will be addressed at the next MUD board meeting and results will be available at next meeting.

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast - October 1st from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting - October 4th

Next Post Membership Meeting - October 18th

The Good of The American Legion;

1. Sons of The American Legion - 90th Anniversary

2. Recognize New First Credit Union Continued Sponsorship

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

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 9:26pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander