The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday November 15, 2022

6:30 Social Time - Potluck

7:00 Training – Myrna Trevino on explaining Insurance and Veterans Coverage

7:30 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;
Missing were; Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplain

Introduction of guests; Terry Higginbotham, Commander VFW Post 8142, and Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, and James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164 and Current Commander of District 22, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164 and Past Commander District 22, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, Will Miller Past Commander Post 164.

Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on 10-18-2022 Butch Sparks Motioned to approve these Minutes as they are posted on the website. Motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on 11-01-2022   Phil Malsbary Motioned to approve these Minutes as they are posted on the website. Motion was 2nd by Morrow Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

Introduction of New Members; 10 Prospective new members were present and they spoke about their duties and accomplishments. Jim McGuire Motioned that we accept their application for membership. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

Initiation of New Members; Several of our new members were initiated into Post 164

Awards Ceremony;
Honor Guard: These awards are presented to an Honor Guard consisting of members from VFW and American Legion By VFW Commander Higginbotham, for their combined success.
Recruiting Award: This award is for recruiting 3 or more New Members into Post 164 during 2021-2022 membership year. It comes from the American Legion National Commander and is presented to Harry Woodstrom and James McGuire.
Special Recognition: Forrest Croom, A Plaque for recognition of all his workmanship to promote Post 164.   Wally Klekar, A Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion to details toward fund raising.
James Scoggin, A Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership toward Honor Guard success.
Terry Higginbotham, A Certificate of Appreciation for VFW sponsorship to Post 164.

Unfinished Business;
Membership Dues from members who are in need. At the Executive Committee meeting it was a Motion that the 1st Vice Commander and the Post Chaplain will come up with a plan on how this can be accomplished.

New Business;
Constitution and By Laws changes. New changes are updated and posted on the Post website for all members to review. They are changes to Article 3 and 14 and these change the amount that the Commander can authorize in an emergency. Butch Sparks Motioned that we accept these changes as written. Motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion Passed.

Reports;
1st Vice Commander – We are just ahead of our goal at 67.79 percent
2nd Vice Commander – Went to City Council monthly meeting and invited them to Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Still gathering First Responder packets from around Katy,   The First Responder Dinner is scheduled for December 10 at 6:30pm
Finance Officer – We have $9,651 in bank. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to accept this report, Motion 2nd by Phil Malsbary, Discussion was that the Post needs to start their fund raising program, No further discussion, Motion passed.

 Correspondence, and Announcements
Turkey Tailgate – 11/23 at Elks Lodge
Breakfast with a Veteran – 12/03 at Elks Lodge
Membership Meeting – 12/06 at Post 164
Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 12/17 at Magnolia Cemetery

The Good of The American Legion;
Ted Whiteman described several items at the back of meeting room that are for sale.
Ernie Cormier suggested that the Post needs to be better at promoting the Flag Retirement event.

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 9:07pm

William Kennison   Peter Batura
Adjutant   Commander