

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday August 15, 2023

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was; Historian & Chaplain

Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Current 2nd Division Commander, 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, Will Miller Past Commander Post 164.

8 Members who attended Boys State Program explained their most exciting experiences they had.

Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on July 18, 2023 were posted on the Post web-site and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to suspend reading them. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on August 01, 2023 were posted on the Post web-site and a Motion was made by Sandy Krum to suspend reading them. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Committee Reports (3 min – if available)

a. Membership; We are starting a new year very well, currently at %50.47 and our Goal is 331

b. Events; First Responder packets are on line and the stations have instructions on what to fill in. There will be a parade for the Rice Festival, more info soon. Safety Fest is approaching and our Post will have 2 booths available.

c. Finance; We currently have \$17,610 in the bank. Budget for next year was posted on the Post web-site for all members to review and comment, it is in the Members Only section. Motion to accept finance report made by Butch Sparks, Motion 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

22nd District “Gavel Club” was disbanded and money donated to post 164 Finance Officer, more info in

New Business.

e. Board of Trustees; Fan motors for exhaust system are in and will be installed in the future. Building operations permit is in the works. Occupancy permit is pending final Architect stamp of approval on building layout drawings. Once this is all submitted then we wait for an answer on their approval. Maybe we can enter and use the building in October or November. American Fireworks will be installing a power drop pole with electrical box for a future Fire Works sales event, could be New Years.

Honor Flight returns at Hobby Airport on September 30 Post 164 Honor Guard will welcome them home.

f. Honor Guard; 4 Funerals, 6 Flag Ceremonies, for 223 service hours.

g. JSSP; 3 students are ready and waiting for the building to be reopened.

i. Flag Retirement; Still collecting from the boxes every 7 to 10 days. Materials for 3 new boxes was acquired from Home Depot and will be built as a Eagle Scout badge project.

j. Service Officer; Assisted 3 Veterans with documents for their VA Benefits. Connected another Veteran with Mr. Lacy for help with obtaining special medical documents.

m. Judge Advocate; Results of Post 164 Financial Review was favorable and in good order.

Others;

Oratorical; A class for new Oratorical Chairmen will be on August 26 in Bryan, TX

A new program will be introduced shortly, New Cadet Law Enforcement, and Harry Woodstrom will be Department of Texas Chairman.

7. Unfinished Business;

Building Red Tag;

a. Commander gave an update, repairs are completed, next the drawings will be stamped then all the forms are submitted, and then we will wait for a building re-inspection.

b. Jon Longerbone was appointed as Communications Chairman, formally Public Relations. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept him, Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed. Still need a Training Chairman and a Membership Chairman.

8. New Business

a. Budget; Harry Woodstrom gave a short breakdown on next years budget and asked all members to review it as it is on the website in members only page and reply with comments as needed.

The 22nd District "Gavel Club" was disbanded and gave their funds to Post 164 Finance Officer and these funds will be donated to District 22 Disaster Preparedness Committee. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that these funds be donated to District 22 Disaster Preparedness Program, Motion 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

Tracey McDonald was sworn-in as Service Officer.

9. Announcements;

8/19-20 Texas Legion College at Post 817 in Beaumont

8/19 Post 654 75th Anniversary

9/16 Safety Fest

9/16 Thelma Williams Birthday at Living World Lutheran Church

10/13-15 Rice Festival

The Good of The American Legion;

1st Vice Commander is planning on a Post Family Night Out at local restaurants, more info soon.

22nd District Disaster Plan will have C E R T classes available soon.

If there was no more business, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander