

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday October 17, 2023

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7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

All elected Officers were present

Katy ISD Officials were present to discuss Bond Election proposals details.

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.

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Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on September 19, 2023 were posted on the Post web-site and a Motion was made by Phil Yates to suspend reading them. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on October 03, 2023 were posted on the Post web-site and a Motion was made by Jim McGuire to suspend reading them. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Committee Reports (3 min – if available)

a. Membership; Mr. Krum, We are currently at 65.00% and doing Buddy Checks on Members, and contacting Post 345 Members asking them to transfer to Post 164.

b. Events; Mr. Malsbary, First Responder packets are here and the Banquet Dinner is scheduled for December 09 at Elks Lodge.

c. Finance; We have \$15,086 in the bank. Motion to accept finance report made by Harry Woodstrom, Motion 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom also spoke about Boys State Program and volunteers are needed for this year's event. Mr. Woodstrom also spoke about the Oratorical Program and volunteers will be needed. He will have sign-up sheets available for those who will volunteer.

d. Graves; Mr. Cormier spoke about Veterans Graves without a Headstone. It seems that there are still small temporary markers being used. No Headstone was delivered.

f. Honor Guard; Mr. Scoggin has asked for Volunteers to become part of our Honor Guard as there are several events scheduled for the Veterans Day and more help is needed.

J. Service Officer; MS McDonald assisted 3 Veterans who needed help in acquiring Medical Documents and filing their claims.

7. Unfinished Business;

Building Red Tag;

- a. Commander gave an update, the drawings have been stamped and the forms are submitted for the operating permit, now we will wait for a building re-inspection.
- b. Commander discussed a need for a better Telephone/Communication system at our building. As we grow and more space is being used both upstairs and down more data is needed and a better quality. Phil Malsbary Motioned that these programs be investigated and a cost factor be provided. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- c. Anything Else; Mr Woodstrom asked in a Motion to withdraw his Dues Motion made in September. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed. Mr. Woodstrom then made a Motion to increase our Post Dues from 45 Dollars to 50 Dollars a Year starting in Calendar year 2025 this means we will start collecting them in July 2024. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. This will be processed by Post Adjutant when the next Post Data Form is sent to National and Department.

8. New Business

- a. Bingo License Address was recently changed to American Legion Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, Texas 77450
- b. Anything Else; A discussion was mentioned on the poor planning of events and materials needed to make them successful. Such as equipment and their components for displays, tents with all the parts and trailer with a truck to tow it. This created an Events Support Committee and **Dennis Wells** was appointed as Chairman of this Committee. He will be asking for volunteers soon.
Harry Woodstrom Motioned to Donate 500.00 dollars to Katy Christian Ministries toward their Thanksgiving Turkey Program for Veterans. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

9. Announcements;

Post Family Night Out is planned at Red River BBQ

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

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander