

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2024

6:00 Social Time

5:30 Post Everlasting -- Oscar Castro

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Judge Advocate and Service Officer
2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Harry Woodstrom , Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, James McGuire, Commander District 22, Past Commander Post 164, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164 and Linda Malsbary, President of Unit 164.
3. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on January 23, 2024 were read. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
4. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on February 06, 2024 were read. A Motion was made by Sandy Krum to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.
5. Committee Reports;
 - a. Service Officer; No report, not here.
 - b. Events; The Katy Rodeo Parade was great, a little cold, but thanks to everyone our message that we are The American Legion here in Katy. Upcoming event is planning for the Birthday Dance.
 - c. Membership; We are at 100:60 % of our goal. We have transferred 11 Members from Post 345 and also contacting our Post members to remind them to renew.
 - d. Finance; We have \$22,301 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is also available. Sandy Krum Motioned to accept this report as read, Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - e. Oratorical; Daniel Rupawalla was the 2nd place finisher at Department of Texas Oratorical competition.
 - f. JSSP; No report, not here
 - g. Honor Guard; 4 Honor Functions, 1 Flag Function for 108 Service Hours.
 - h. Riders; No events are planned for March yet.

- i. Sons; Still looking for new members to join our group.
- j. Auxiliary; Linda Malsbary said that the Rodeo Parade was cold but street side attendance was great. and thanks to all who volunteered to be there and ride aboard the float. Girls State interviews are now completed.
- k. Graves; DAR has contributed toward the Headstone Project to identify the unmarked Veterans Graves at a local Katy Cemetery.
- l. Boys State; There are a great amount of area High Schools who are preparing their nominations for us and we need to have the interviewing team and forms ready. We currently have the team identified, but might need more members to volunteer their time for other Boys State activities coming soon.

6. Unfinished Business;

- a. Building Red Tag; Commander gave his update; We now are able to enter the building and check on all the corrections that members have made to make sure they are still ok. The stair well for the 2nd floor exit will still have to be moved before the next inspection.
- b. Election Ballot Forms; They are done and ready for election in March.

7. New Business

- a. A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom for 2 JROTC Scholarships of \$250.00 for each of the 3 High Schools that have JROTC Programs. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- b. A Motion was made by Wally Klekar to change the name of the First Responder Banquet to; The Gary Tilton 1st Responder Banquet, in honor of his memory. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- c. A Motion was made by Stephen Baranzyk to have a Dance for the celebration of the American Legions 105th Birthday on March 15th. Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Correspondence and Announcements;

- a. Post Night Out is February 22nd at Rudy's BBQ
- b. Breakfast with a Veteran is on March 2nd at Elks lodge
- c. Officer Training is March 2nd at Post 521 in Pasadena
- d. American Legion Birthday Celebration is March 15th at Elks Lodge
- e. Honor Flight returns on April 20th at Hobby Airport
- f. Memorial Day Poppies is May 25th Various Locations
- g. Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at Elks Lodge
- h. Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 15th at Post 164

9. The Good of The American Legion;

Phil Yates spoke about the future of a Short Wave Radio Station at Post 164 to aid in any public service emergencies in our area.

If there was no more business to come before this meeting, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander