

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on January 03, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Batura at 7:30pm

Some members were on zoom.

Invocation by Post Chaplain

Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (12-06-2022) were not available.

Committee Reports; Make them in writing, and then verbal, to keep them short;

a. Jim McGuire- Board of Trustees; Meeting was cancelled,

Honor Flight returned and Post 164 Honor Guard provided a great welcome home.

Wreaths Across America; This event was a great success and Cemetery clean-up is scheduled for January 14th at 10:00am all members are welcome to attend.

b. Harry Woodstrom- Finance; We have \$9,304.00 Dollars in the bank.

Bingo; The location is now open and we hope to see it in operation soon. Harry Woodstrom made a Motion to place a date on the calendar to car pool from Post 164 to the bingo location. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

Oratorical Program – Daniel Rupawalla and Sophia Esteban were winners and will go on to District 22 for their next step in this event.

Boys State – Training will be done at Post 164 for all members who are on the Boys State committee.

Post Web-Site – Members can now pay their yearly dues on the web-site.

g. Phil Malsbary- Events; First Responders banquet should be organized as a social event next year. Packets need to be checked and forwarded to District 22 for a selection winner and forwarded to 2nd Division for their review.

March 18, 2023 is a date scheduled for the American Legion birthday banquet. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Time to start preparing for the Katy Rodeo parade as it will be coming soon. A motion was made by Phil Malsbary to change our Post Membership meeting time to start at 7:00pm. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

i. Sandy Krum – A flag retirement event is scheduled for June 17, 2023 as we now have over 2,000 flags that are ready to retire

j. Phill Yates – Historian: Currently building electronic files from historic documents by scanning..

m. Skip Miller – Membership; Currently have 259 Members on the 2023 Roster. Getting a roster of 2022 Members to identify those who are late at paying their dues.

n. Tracey McDonald- Service Officer; Assisted 6 Veterans with obtaining Military Records, assisted 2 other Veterans with obtaining forms to apply for benefits at Veterans Affairs..

p. Ken Trunnell – Welcome / Mentoring; The new welcoming packets are ready. A mentoring list is now ready for new members as they attend a meeting.

Unfinished Business;

a. Newly revised Constitution & By-Laws are not approved yet. A motion was made by Butch Sparks that this new edition be sent to Membership for their comments. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom. This will get the Membership to review the changes, no further discussion, Motion passed.

d. A motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to conduct a Quarterly Poker Night. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, Amended to read, must comply with Texas state laws, no further discussion, Motion passed.

New Business

a. A certificate of recognition will be prepared by Commander Batura for members of Salt Grass Steak House for their great dinner at First Responder Banquet. Also a certificate will be prepared for the team who made the Wreaths Across America event a great success. Maybe they will be ready for the April Membership meeting.

b. April Meeting should be an Election of Officers, get your nominations to Commander Batura.

Upcoming Events

January 8th District Oratorical Program at Post 654 2:00pm

January 14th Wreath Removal at Magnolia Cemetery 10:00am

January 14th Division Oratorical Program at Post 159 2pm

February 4th Honor Guard training at VFW Post 9182 10:00am

February 4th Four Chaplains event at Central Baptist Church 2pm

If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 9:20pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander