

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday May 16, 2023

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

Officer Roll Call;

Missing was; Chaplain, Service Officer, and Public Relations

Introduction of guests and prospective new members; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, 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, and Will Miller Past Commander Post 164

Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on April 18, 2023 were read.

Minutes of Previous Executive Committee Meeting on May 2, 2023 were read.

5. Committee Reporting Highlights;

a. Membership; We are at 100.31% of our goal, will contact those who have not renewed.

b. Events; Rice Harvest Festival application was submitted, and First Responders applications were delivered to Fire Stations and Police Departments in Katy area.

c. Finance & Boys State; We have \$6,875 dollars in the bank. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept the finance report, Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed. 33 Boys are currently scheduled to attend Boys State.

d. BoT & Honor Flight; Ice maker will be disconnected and removed soon, exhaust fans must be removed and new motors installed. Next Honor Flight is scheduled to return on July 29, 2023 at Hobby Airport.

e. Honor Guard; 3 Flag Ceremonies, 8 Funeral Honors, for 145 Service Hours.

h. Flag Retirement; Scheduled for June 17th and yes we have several hundred flags ready.

6. Unfinished Business

a. American Fireworks Lease; This lease was discussed as a Fund Raising event for and by the Post. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we adopt this lease, Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion assed. Another Motion by Butch Sparks states that the Post Commander to sign the lease, Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion Passed.

b. Member Survey; Stephen Brady gave some updates on the shape of the survey and asked for anyone who has done this before to step forward. Will have more details at a future meeting.

c. Post Elections; Candidate Nominations are still open, see Commander or 2nd Vice Commander to be considered. Nominations will also be taken from the floor before the election. You must be present to accept the election results or submit an Officer Acceptance Form to the Adjutant before the election to be considered for the Officer Position. Adjutant will prepare Ballots and a Box.

7. New Business;

a. Department Convention Delegates; The following Members are selected as delegates, James McGuire, C W "Butch" Sparks, Harry Woodstrom, Philip Malsbary, Richard Williams, and Thelma Williams. Butch Sparks Motioned that we accept these members as Delegates and Pay their registration fee. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

b. Post Operation – Unit Cost Sharing Model; This will be a Model to have the Post obtaining 75% of cost and the American Legion Auxiliary obtaining 25% of cost. This is only a model, more details available soon. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept this model, Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion Passed.

c. Boys State Bus; The post will need to pay for a bus to transport the Boys to and from Austin. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we borrow money from the Bingo account to pay for the bus. Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Announcements;

May 20th Division 2 Spring Convention

May 27th Soldiers Rest Memorial Service

May 28th Bingo (Pasadena)

May 29th Memorial Day – Poppy Distribution

June 3rd Breakfast with a Veteran

June 11th Women Veterans Day at Post 164

June 17th Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 20th Post Officer Elections

The Good of The American Legion;

a. PTSD Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, and they warned all to be aware of your surroundings because of what happened to one of their members recently.

b. Daughters of the American Revolution – a "Quilt of Valor" was displayed by Ernie Cormier and he was asking for the Post to submit a Name of a Member to them for a future awarding of their Quilt.

c. A thank you presentation was given by Jen Lowery on behalf of the Girl Scout Troop Titled " I Pledge Of Allegiance" to be hung on the wall within the Post.

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander