

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday September 19, 2023

6:00 Social Time / Food provided by Dignity Memorial

6:30 Training by Mr. Wayne Keen, Dignity Memorial Services

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was Judge Advocate

2. Introduction of guests; 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.

3. New Member Introduction: Jackeline Gonzalez was introduced and she spoke about her past duties at Military locations. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to accept this application, Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed. Jackeline Gonzalez was then Initiated into Post 164.

4. Several Members and Officers were given a Certificate of Recognition to thank them for their hours towards making Post 164 visible in our community.

5. Minutes of the Previous Membership Meeting on August 15, 2023 were read and a Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to approve them. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. Minutes of the Previous Executive Committee meeting on September 05, 2023 were read and a Motion was made by Bruce Pettengill to approve them. Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Committee Reports;

a. Finance; We currently have \$11,325 in the bank, the Finance Report was read. Next year's Post 164 Budget will be covered in Unfinished Business. Motion was made by Sandy Krum to accept this Finance Report, Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, no discussion, Motion passed

b. Membership; We are at 60.42% of our goal for 331 members. 4 applications were obtained at the Katy Safety Fest. Still calling Post 345 members and asking them to transfer to our Post.

8. Unfinished Business;

a. Annual Budget; The Finance Officer posted this Annual Budget on the Post website for all members to review and send him comments. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for this Post 164 Annual Budget be approved. Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, no discussion, Motion passed.

b. Building Status; We are currently waiting for the Architect to put the stamp of final approval on the building layout drawings. More information as it becomes available.

9. New Business;

a. 2024-2025 Dues Increase; American Legion National will be increasing the dues by \$5.00 and our post needs to increase our dues from \$45.00 to \$50.00 starting with the 2024-2025 membership year. Harry Woodstrom motioned that our Dues be increased from \$45.00 to \$50.00 Motion was 2nd by Wally Klekar, during discussion it was determined that the Membership will be contacted to inform them of this increase and to vote on it. Motion was withdrawn and tabled for a future Membership Meeting.

10. Announcements;

Ted Whiteman spoke about upcoming Oratorical Program

Phil Malsbary spoke about the Rice Festival parade on Saturday October 7th

Sandy Krum announced that James Harris is now Flag Collection Chairman

The Good of The American Legion;

If there is 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