

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on January 02, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Batura at 7:00pm
Some members were on zoom, others were at Elks Lodge.

Invocation by Post Chaplain

Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (12-05-2023) were read and Sandy Krum Motioned to accept these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Ted Whiteman, no discussion, Motion passed.

4. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
 - a. Board of Trustees; No report at this time.
 - b. Auxiliary; Verbal report thanking all for a great 2023
 - c. Sons of American Legion; No report, not here.
 - d. Legion Riders; Ride on Saturday to Chili cook off.
 - e. First Vice Commander; We are at 86.71 Percent of our goal for 331 members.-
 - f. Second Vice Commander; Election forms are being prepared and getting rodeo info.
 - g. Judge Advocate; No report but I am feeling better and getting back on feet slowly.
 - h. Finance; We have \$22,923 in the bank. The financial report was read and then a Motion to accept was made by Harry Woodstrom, this Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom introduced an expense report for Commanders trip to National Convention and a Motion was made by Butch Sparks to pay this expense. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - i. Service Officer; Verbal report on assisting 3 Veterans who have contacted her by phone.
 - j. Chaplain; 3 Members contacted me asking for Prayers, also assisting with preparation for 4 Chaplains Ceremony in February.
 - k. Historian: Looking for a place to put completed historic binders at Post.
 - l. Sergeant at Arms; Equipment set-up at Wreaths Accro0ss America ceremony was almost correct, next time we need to get Ceremonial Service Flags.
 - m. Communications; Vacant position
 - n. JSSP; No report, not here.
 - o. Oratorical Contest; Daniel Rupawalla was winner at Post 164
 - p. Boys State; 6 boys are already considered for interviews.

- q. Flag Retirement; In December 97 Flags were collected from drop boxes.
- r. Honor Guard; For December 9 Honor Functions, 2 Flag Functions, 324 Service Hrs
- s. Graves ; No report, not here.

5. Unfinished Business;

- a. Building Red Tag Status – Commander Batura reported that the building drawings were updated and submitted for architect stamp and then submitted to Fire Marshalls office with the updated forms due to reclassification of Post Building.
- b. Community Service Hours; A form is being created for Members to record their Hours at events sponsored by Post 164 for adding them to annual Consolidated Post Report.
- c. Post Survey; Get it completed then send it to 1st Vice Commander for consideration.
- d. Election/Nomination Committee; Most Officer positions have a candidate, getting a ballot ready for upcoming Post Officer election.

6. New Business

- a. Filling 2nd Vice Commander Unexpired Term; Commander Batura asked for volunteers and Stephen Baranzyk offered to accept this Unexpired Term.
- b. Filing Communications Officer Unexpired Term; Commander Batura asked for volunteers and no one accepted, this will remain vacant.
- c. Honorarium for Memories by Ashley Marie; Commander Batura Motioned to pay an amount for the 2 Photo Events, Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, discussion followed, Motion did not pass. Harry Woodstrom amended original Motioned to place this photographer logo on the Post 164 Sponsorship page for services rendered, Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

7. Upcoming Events

Calendar review is on the front page of Post website.

Veterans Breakfast on January 6th at Elks Lodge 0700 to 1000 Hrs

District 22 Oratorical on January 7th at 1400 Hrs

WAA Wreaths Pickup January 13th at 1000 Magnolia Cemetery

Four Chaplains Ceremony February 4th at 1100 Hrs

Katy Rodeo Parade February 17th at 0900 Hrs

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

Executive Committee adjourned at 8:34pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander