

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday April 16, 2024

6:00 Social Time

6:30 Presentation – David “Mac” McAuliffe

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; All Officers were Present.

2. Introduction of our Guest;

a. Preston Ho; He Presented his Eagle Scout Project, Picnic Tables for our Post.

b. Other Guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Current 2nd Division Commander, James McGuire, Past Commander Post 164 and Current Commander of District 22, Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander of Post 164, and Past Commander of District 22, Ernie Cormier Past Commander of Post 164, Michael Calahan, Commander of SAL Detachment 164, Jennifer Lowry, Vice President of Unit 164.

c. New Member Introduction;

4 New Members were introduced and they spoke about their Military duties and locations. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application for membership. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed.

3. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on March 19, 2024 were posted on the web-site and a Motion was made by Bruce Pettengill to suspend the reading. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

4. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on April 02, 2024 were posted on the web-site and a Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to suspend the reading. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

5. Committee Reports;

a. Service Officer; Assisted 7 Veterans with forms to gather information on their Claims and making appointments at V A Downtown.

b. Events; Applied for a Kroger Membership Card for use at Post events. We are gathering volunteers for Memorial Day activities.

c. Membership We are at 107.55% of our goal. We will continue to look for new members to join our Post. Several from Breakfast with a Veteran.

d. Finance; We have \$28,165 dollars in the Bank. The finance report was read and a Motion was made by Phil Malsbary to accept this report. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.

g. Honor Guard; More help is needed for the upcoming Memorial Day events, see Jim Scoggin to volunteer.

h. Riders; Black Bear Run was a great time as about 50 riders from South Central Texas area Posts attended. The next ride is scheduled for May 18th for the Nutt Run.

i. Sons; A new Commander was elected and he is Gene Britton.

J. Auxiliary; We continue to have an excellent attendance at the Breakfast with a Veteran event. We are also planning for 4 locations to have Poppy's at our Memorial Day Tables.

k. Graves; Our Headstone for Veterans Fund is to provide a Monument to identify a Veterans final resting place.

L. Boys State; Currently have 48 Boys identified to attend. Must get their Bus Waiver to complete their attendance.

6. Unfinished Business;

a. Building Status; Commander Batura reports that all forms have been submitted. The remaining item is to get the Fire Alarm certificate signed. This will be completed soon.

b. Anything Else

7. New Business

a. Proposed FY2024 Budget; This budget was not ready and is tabled for a future meeting as there are more items to be added. They will be discussed at next Budget Meeting and then introduced to the Post Executive Committee.

b. A motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to provide 12 Scholarships for Boys State members who requested them. This Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, discussion was, do we have the money, answer was yes, no further discussion, Motion passed.

c. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to set aside \$1,000 dollars in Bingo Funds for Boys State 2024 Bus Transportation. Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion Passed.

d. Casino Night at Westlake Fire Department and asking for a \$100 Dollar donation or a door prize. Phil Malsbary Motioned to approve this donation, Motion 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Correspondence and Announcements;

Honor Flight – April 20th at Hobby Airport 5:00pm

Memorial Day Poppies – May 25th Various Locations

Flag Day Ceremony – June 14th at Elks Lodge

Flag Retirement Ceremony – June 15th Post 164

Post 164 Fireworks Stand – June 24th to July 4th

Boys/Girls State Luncheon – Sept 21st at Elks Lodge

First Responder Dinner – Dec 7th at Elks Lodge

9. Post Officer Elections;

Commander Batura introduced the slate of Officers for 2024 to 2025 Membership year by reading the names. He then asked for any nomination from the floor, great silence, then he announced that nominations are closed. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the Adjutant cast 1 Ballot by acclamation for this slate of Officers. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no discussion, Motion passed. The Adjutant then cased 1 Ballot for this slate of incoming Officers to be installed in June.

The Good of The American Legion;

Thelma Williams was admitted to the Hospital for a fall in her home.

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

Commander Batura, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander