

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on May 7, 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 (4-01-2024) were read and accepted at the last Membership meeting. Jim McGuire Motioned to suspend reading these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.

4. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
 - a. Board of Trustees; Thanks to all, we are back into our building, finally.
 - b. Auxiliary; A new record at Breakfast with a Veteran was 147 attended. 6 Auxiliary members were at the recent Honor Flight arrival, along with several local Girl Scouts. June 9th is Women's Veterans Day Open House at Post 164 from 2 to 4pm.
 - c. Sons of American Legion; Some of our Members were at Honor Flight arrival, we are currently at 90% of our membership goal.
 - d. Legion Riders; Next Ride is on Saturday May 18th
 - e. First Vice Commander; We are at 108.76 Percent of our goal for 331 members.-
 - f. Second Vice Commander; Post Night In is on May 17th May 27th is Poppy Day, Fireworks stand will set-up on or about June 20th Scheduling a future Flag Retirement event to be at Post 164.
 - g. Judge Advocate; Not here, was later on "zoom"
 - h. Finance; We have \$27,158 in the bank. The financial report was read and then a Motion to accept was made by Harry Woodstrom, this Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - i. Service Officer; No report, not here.
 - j. Chaplain; Visited with Thelma Williams as she was in the hospital, also 2 Members contacted me asking for get well Prayers.
 - k. Historian; Post 164 Historic binders are now finished and located at Post.
 - l. Sergeant at Arms; May 8th will be a Work Day to clean Post bay's from 10am till ??
 - m. Communications; Vacant position
 - n. JSSP; No report, not here.

- o. Honor Guard; For April: 3 Honor Functions, 5 Flag Functions, for 237 Hours
- p. Oratorical Contest; Closed for this year.
- q. Boys State; 59 Boys were interviewed, 29 have sent completed packets and money.
- r. Flag Retirement; Scheduled for June 15th
- s. Graves ; Still asking for and getting donations for Veterans Headstone fund.

5. Unfinished Business;

- a. Building Permit Status – Commander Batura reports that because we are here in the building we have limited use until the permits are finalized and picked up, and then posted inside this building.
- b. Building Sign Status; The Sign Company was notified and they are getting the sign ready for future installation.
- c. Post Budget; A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11th to review.
- d. Electric Pole Lease; An electric pole is needed by the future fireworks stand. The Fireworks stand company can install the pole but it will require a 5 year lease. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the Post acquire this lease document to gather further written information. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.

6. New Business

- a. Events; Post Night In –Stephan Baranyzk Motioned for a not to exceed budget of \$1,000 dollars for this event. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- b. Support for Marine Moms – Storage Space needed. They sent a letter asking for a large climate controlled space to store items. There was a limited discussion but there is no large areas at our Post for their use. No action was taken.
- c. Bruce Pettengill made a Motion to Honor a Post Member, like naming something in their honor. This Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, during discussion there are several legal details to proceed, no further discussion, Motion passed. The Commander appointed Bruce Pettengill to form an “explorer committee” and return to the Executive Committee with their results.
- d. Chaplain Budget; A Motion was made by Bruce Pettengill to increase the Chaplain Budget from \$300 dollars to a not to exceed amount of \$500 dollars. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, discussion was what will this money be for, Chaplain reply was for newer sympathy cards , get well cards and other like items, no further discussion, Motion passed.

7. Upcoming Events

Calendar review is on the front page of Post website, Please review this for events.

Post Night In is on May 17th Members will celebrate coming back in.

Veterans Breakfast on June 1st at Elks Lodge 0700 to 1000 Hrs

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

Executive Committee adjourned at 9:305pm

William Kennison

Adjutant

Peter Batura

Commander