

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday May 21, 2024

6:00 Social Time

6:30 Training - Not Scheduled

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by 1st Vice Commander Sandy Krum

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Service Officer

2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member and Current 2nd Division Vice Commander, also Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, also Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164, also Paul Dudkowski, Past Commander Post 164, and Linda Malsbary, President of Unit 164, and Michael Callahan, Commander Squadron 164

3. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on April 16, 2024 were read. A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.

4. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on May 07, 2024 were read. A Motion was made by Wally Klekar to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.

5. Committee Reports;

a. Service Officer; No report, not here.

b. Events; Post Night In was enjoyed by all, we will have another in the future, Katy Christian Ministries will have a Veterans Picnic and we will be there to recruit, Poppies will be distributed at several locations around Katy, A Flag retirement is being planned for our Post Parking Lot. A fireworks stand will be at our Post for the July 4th Holidays and we will need Members to operate it, more available soon.

c. Membership; We are at 110.88 % of our goal. We have added 36 New Members this year and still more are coming.

d. Finance; We have \$21,452 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is also available for review after this meeting. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to accept this report as read, Motion was 2nd by Butch Sparks, no discussion, Motion passed.

e. Oratorical; This program will start when school starts again.

- f. JSSP; No report, not here
- g. Honor Guard; We will need help during the upcoming Memorial Day activities.
- h. Riders; No events for May are scheduled.
- i. Sons; We are looking for new members and planning a shredding day sometime.
- j. Auxiliary; Linda Malsbary said that Poppy distribution sites have been identified and Post Members are welcome to volunteer and help. Soldiers Rest activities are being planned and installation of Officers is on June 19th
- k. Graves; Names of Veterans who need a Headstone were given to the Funeral Home for them to follow-up with Veterans Administration. The cost to install these headstones will be determined soon.
- l. Boys State; There are 48 ready for Boys State and 2 more pending.

6. Unfinished Business;

- a. Proposed FY2024 – 2025 Budget; Finance Officer introduced this proposed budget and answered questions then made copies for the members present to take it home and reply with any further comments. This Budget will be voted on at a future Membership Meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Multi-year Fireworks Stand Agreement; T N T Fireworks were selected as our provider of fireworks. They provided an agreement for signature, but after review, there was a question about electric power for the fireworks stand. A question was asked about using a generator or installing electric service. The agreement needed more research into who pays for an electric pole installation. This 5 year agreement was set aside awaiting more information to be available soon.
- b. Building Repairs; A Motion was made by Harry Woodstrom to change the Constitution and By Laws for Trustee Committee expense from 400.00 dollars to 500.00 dollars. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, discussion was in our lease we pay first 500.00 dollars, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- c. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for the webmaster to send to the Membership the current Constitution and By Laws for review of changes to be made after National Convention. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- d. 2nd Division Convention; The following Members were selected as Delegates to attend this Convention; Peter Batura, Harry Woodstrom, James McGuire, C W Butch Sparks, Bruce Pettengill, M. Sandy Krum, Dennis Wells, Andy Valadez, and William Kennison. Harry Woodstrom Motion that we accept these Members as Delegates and Pay their registration fee. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

8. Correspondence and Announcements;

- a. Soldiers Rest – May 25th Forest Park Lawndale
- b. Memorial Day Poppy Distribution – May 27th
- c. Boys State – June 9th to 14th UT Austin
- d. Flag Day Ceremony – June 14th Katy Elks Lodge
- e. 2nd Division Convention – June 15th Huntsville Post 95
- f. Flag Retirement Ceremony – June 15th Post 164
- g. Officer Installation – June 18th
- h. Post 164 Fireworks Stand – June 24th to July 4th

9. The Good of The American Legion;

Butch Sparks, 2nd Division Commander , thanks Post 164 for their Recruiting and Retention efforts as this shows how powerful The American Legion has become here in Texas.

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

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Sandy Krum
1st Vice Commander