

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 31, 2017 (Approval Pending)

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM at Post 318, by Commander Don Bishop.

Matters addressed at the Executive Committee were:

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers: Commander Don Bishop; 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; SAA Ralph Caskey; and Committee Chairs Bob Alfieri (House) and Jimmy Bussey (Event Coordination), providing for a quorum.

Absent with advance notice were: 2nd Vice Commander Matt Lilly; Chaplain Jerry Porter; Service Officer Tom Clegg; and Bingo Committee Co-Chairs Dennis Sakal and Ed Sears. Absent were the vacant Committee Chair positions representing Americanism, Fund-Raising and Community Support.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the April 26, 2017 meeting had been reduced to print and previously distributed to E.C. members, and have also been posted in E.C. Minutes binder in clubroom. He noted that there had been one correction to the previously distributed minutes related to source of funds for an expenditure, which was changed from C.I. Funds to Post funds. ***A motion (Dan Wolfangel) to accept the meeting's minutes, as printed, corrected, and resubmitted, was seconded (Bob Kamman), and was passed unanimously to accept said minutes as printed. Corrected copy to be posted in the E.C. Minutes binder.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

Commander Bishop noted everybody should have the on-line calendar updated for June and July.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items of correspondence occurred since last E.C. meeting:

Correspondence Received:

- Hamilton County Request for Memorial Day Expense Reimbursement: Provided to Finance Officer Yersky. Commander Bishop noted that this request had to be filed with the county prior to June 15th, and documentation of all Memorial Day expenses needed to be compiled quickly to enable it to be timely submitted.
- Hamilton County Property Tax Billing: Provided to Finance Officer Yersky.
- Acknowledgement / Thank You from McNicholas H.S. After-Prom Committee for \$100 Donation. Posted on BB.
- Email Notification of Dept. of Ohio Convention Info: Copy to be forwarded to Commander Bishop.
- Notice of PUFL Status for Member Greg Oliver: Copy forwarded to Membership Chair Kamman.

Commander Bishop inquired as to whether Dept. of Ohio Convention Call packet had been received yet. Adjutant Wolfangel advised only an email notice of process of registering for housing, through direct contact with hotel. He will forward that email to Bishop, and will further check with Dept. of Ohio regarding convention package.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Ron Yersky provided E.C. with copies of a line item budget (Revenue / Expense Actuals) update through April 2017, with copy for Adjutant to file with May minutes, and indicated the Operating Account had current balance of approximately \$13,600, and he has has forthcoming known expenses pending of approximately \$5,200.

Yersky further reported on his review of the Carroll Companies ATM proposal, indicating he could not recommend contracting with them. Contract would contain, but was not limited to: an initial five (5) years, auto-renewable for additional 5 year periods; has a cancellation provision of advance 90 day notice by either party; ATM service access required to be provided during normal business day hours (which we don't have); and the number of transactional benefits which would provide any major benefit to the Post would be reachable. Following discussion, upon ***motion made (Don Bishop) to set aside pursuit of such contract with this company, seconded (Ralph Caskey), E.C. voted unanimously in favor of the motion not to pursue this contract.*** Yersky is to notify Carroll Company that we are not interested in contracting with them for ATM services.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS: Commander Bishop commented on, led discussions, or updated status regarding following items.

- 1) **Post Web Site Upgrade:** Bishop reviewed current status of web site upgrade, and reporting that progress is being made, but slow. Outline is fundamentally in place and concentration is now on content. Awaiting hearing back from Web Master Josh Richardson.
- 2) **Shared Parking Issues with Pet Center:** Information regarding E.C.'s stance on issue was provided to owner, who is not prepared at this time to make any proposals, thus no further action required at this time.
- 3) **2017-2018 Business Plan & Budget:** Commander Bishop conducted a page by page review of the revised 2017-2018 Post Business Plan and Budget, making additional changes as identified as necessary or desired. The Business Plan, accommodating these revisions will be presented to Post Membership for approval and adoption at the June 14th Post Meeting. Advance copies will be sent to the membership electronically, and also several hard copies will be available for review in the Post clubroom. Notice will also be provided in June Post newsletter.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander): Commander Bishop commented on:

- 1) **GAD Dice Game Tables:** Bishop noted that since we are no longer associated with GAD, we appear to have no further need for the the Beat-the-Dealer and Hi-Lo game tables, and to free up some storage space, suggested we might wish to contact Post 484 and see if they have any interest in them. Possibly also the Rat Game materials. ***Following brief discussion, matter was tabled for discussion at the next E.C. meeting.***
- 2) **MailChimp:** Bishop commented on the service he was using to get email messages out to our members, called MailChimp. Indicates has sent out about ten emails using this service, which appeared to be successful. He noted he had been sending messages out to 115 email addresses, however, he is currently sending out 110, as 4 addresses had bounced back, and 1 member has unsubscribed. He recommended that anyone having need to send out messages, that this service be used. Bishop can provide info as to how to log into, and use this service. This service does provide some message tracking and statistics. He also commented on issues related to members who choose to "unsubscribe" from, or "block" emails from this service. Bishop's indicated that it is his personal opinion that if a member doesn't wish to receive communications from the Post, they should move to Post 888 as they are not providing any support for the Post, nor are we of any value to them. He also plans to use this service for distribution of Post newsletter beginning in July. The message will provide a link to open the newsletter for reading or printing, as the service will not support attachments.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Polling of Committee Chairs):

Membership: Chair Kamman noted we still at quota (154 members),

Post Activities: In absence of Chair Lilly, Adjutant Wolfangel commented on the planning for the Post Awards Recognition Program, to occur on July 22nd. He noted invites are being prepared and go in mail around June 15th; continuous service and award pins and plaques have been ordered; Jimmy Bussey had volunteered to print the award certificates.

Some discussion was had regarding possible consideration of changing the date to accommodate a possible full hall rental on July 22nd. Bussey was to check and advise by Monday June 5th regarding the rental. (NOTE: Bussey subsequently advised he had checked and the the rental was going to be on July 21st, thus having no impact on Awards Program on July 22nd.)

Chaplain/VAVS: Commander Bishop, in absence of Chaplain / Chair Jerry Porter, noted that the next V.A. Hospital visit was June 6th, and he was coordinating, and needed several more volunteers. Our next VAVS activities may be on Saturday - June 17th at the Post. Bishop has sent

out email to Porter for confirmation of that event. Our next V.A. Hospital visit will be on Friday - August 4th.

Americanism: Commander Bishop, in absence of a Chair, indicated he had attended and participated in Nagel Middle School's Citizenship Program this afternoon (May 31, 2017).

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop, in absence of a Chair, indicated Post 318's FFOY was once again the Dept. of Ohio FFOY. Bishop noted he would be attending Dept. of Ohio Convention where recognition will occur.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: No report in absence of Chair Clegg.

Bingo: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Co-Chair Ed Sears and Dennis Sakal, noted that Sakal had advised that checks for \$3,000 had been issued to the Post and \$585 had been issued to C.I., for the month of May. Also noted they have a new progressive "Old Maid" card game which will be implemented next Bingo session.

Fund-Raising: Commander Bishop, in absence of a Chair, noted no report.

Event Coordination: Chair Bussey, commented on upcoming scheduled and potential hall rentals as they relate to potential conflicts and clean-up / set-up issues. Bussey also noted, in response to a prior question regarding ShowClix ticketing availability on Saturdays, via telephone, that the ticketing by phone on Saturdays is available from 12 noon to 5 pm.

House: Chair Bob Alfieri advised no report.

Internal / External Communications: Chair Dan Wolfangel noted no report on External Communications.

Commander Bishop reporting on Internal Communications, noted the deadline for the June newsletter had passed, and the deadline for the July newsletter will be June 23rd. He also noted that we are looking for a Social Media expert to join the Marketing Committee. He also noted the Post has a Facebook page - "American Legion – Anderson Post 318", on which you can post to, create a blog, or add an event..

Uniform Ceremonies: SAA / Chair Ralph Caskey, noted he was working on July 4th Parade with Bob Calder and Gary Gregorio, and would be meeting with them to discuss plans on June 13th.

Charities, Inc.: Chair Don Bishop commented on, or noted:

- Poppy Days: Noted gross receipts were \$5,698.23, with breakdown of: FHSD - \$1,197.58; Kroger - \$3,831.45; and Belterra Park - \$669.20.
- PokerMania: Will be held on August 11th and 12th, 2017.
- A/T Veterans Day Event: Will be held again at Post 318, on Saturday – November 11th. Will consist of cash bar, complimentary dinner, and live entertainment (The Avenues). As with last year, Post members will be given opportunity to make reservations several days prior to being open for remaining A/T veterans.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: No report.

4th District Issues / Concerns: Commander Bishop noted Summer Convention will be held on Sunday – June 4th, and will be attended by him and Adjutant Wolfangel as delegates for Post 318.

Good of Legion: Nothing..

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 PM.

Prepared by: