

# **AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **September 26, 2018 (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 Meeting were:

#### **ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers: Commander Don Bishop; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bob Kamman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Randy Lindsey; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; Chaplain Jerry Porter; Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo) and Ken Knight (Event Coordination), which constituted the required quorum.

Absent with advance notice were SAA Ralph Caskey and Committee Chair Bob Alfieri (House). Absent were the currently vacant Committee Chair positions of: Americanism; Community Support; and Fund-raising.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the August 31, 2018 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. They were also submitted for inclusion on Post web-site. ***A motion (Dan Wolfangel) to accept the meeting's minutes, as printed, was seconded (Ron Yersky), and was passed unanimously.***

#### **POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:**

Commander Bishop reminded that all should have the on-line calendar for October and November updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:**

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

##### New Correspondence (since last meeting):

- Graceland Memorial Cemetery (Milford, OH): Received copies of deeds to the two Burial sites gifted to Post 318, and certificate for related accompaniments. Estimated value of gifted items is \$6,023, Will be filed by Adjutant for future reference.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District "Fall Conference" - October 28, 2018 – Post 484.
- Request from Linda Behymer to Remove Deceased Member - Charles J. Behymer from Post's Mailing Lists: Will be handled by Membership Chair Kamman.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Corn Hole Tournament – October 14, 2018 – Post 550 (New Richmond, OH): Posted on BB, w/copy to Post Activities Chair.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Bowling Tournament – November 2, 2018 – Cherry Grove Lanes: Posted on BB, w/copy to Post Activities Chair.
- Notice of 4<sup>th</sup> District Membership Roundup – October 3, 2018 – Post 631: Forwarded to Membership Chair Kamman.
- Reminder of 4<sup>th</sup> District / Post 644 Picnic – September 29, 2018 – Miami-Whitewater Forest: Posted on BB.
- Solicitation from A/T Park District for Contribution for "Trunk R' Treat Event – October 20, 2018: It was noted that \$25 is budgeted in C.I. approved budget for this event. ***E.C. directed \$25 disbursement.*** Adjutant to notify C.I. Treasurer Geil.

##### Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgments for monetary donations to Post as follows:
  - \* Post Member Hugo Vontz, Jr. for \$30 donation (in lieu of Football-Mania tickets).
  - \* Post Member Terry Childs for \$300 donation (in lieu of Football-Mania tickets).
  - \* Post Member Greg Oliver for \$50 donation (in lieu of Football-Mania tickets).

Adjutant Wolfangel advised that Post Member Charles J. Behymer's status had been changed to "deceased" via on-line portal.

**BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Finance Officer Ron Yersky presented finance report, and distributed to the E.C. members copies of a line item budget (Revenue / Expense Actuals) update through August 31, 2018 with a copy for Adjutant to file with the September E.C. Minutes. Yersky noted that the combined balance within both the Post Operating Account and Savings Account, to-date, was approximately \$21,300 plus (\$11,800 Operations Account / \$9,500 Savings Account). He noted he will be transferring \$380 in donations from Operations to Savings shortly. He also has pending major expenses to be payed out for the driveway/parking lot renovation at \$8,300 and refinancing legal fees of \$1,500. October 29<sup>th</sup> will also be the first payment due on the refinanced mortgage.

Discussion was also had regarding reward points on the the Post's 5/3rd Bank credit card account, which currently stand at about 33,000 plus points. Yersky suggested two options., which were cash in now and place in savings, or let build to about 50, 000 points before cashing in and placing in savings. His recommendation was to build to 50,000, which would have cash value of about \$500. ***A motion was made (Don Bishop) to let build to 50,000 points before cashing in. Motion seconded (Dan Wolfangel), and passed unanimously.*** It was determined that Randy Lindsey (Post Activities Chair) does not have, and should have, a Post credit card. Yersky will arrange to obtain one for Lindsey.

Dan Wolfangel, in role as Post Corporation Statutory Officer, inquired as to whether Post's IRS 990 had been completed, as the OAG Charitable Annual Filing was still pending. He was advised the 990 should be completed within the week.

**OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:** Commander Bishop noted he had no open issues or old business.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted need to validate for purpose of the E.C. Minutes, the email vote that was taken on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, regarding whether to accept or reject the "Terrorist Insurance Coverage" provision on the Post's Acuity insurance policy renewal. Cost of provision is \$142 annually. ***Wolfangel advised the vote was: six (6) in favor of accepting provision; four (4) opposed; and one (1) abstention. Vote passed.***

**NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):** Commander Bishop noted he had no new issues or business.

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

**Membership:** Chair Kamman reported, commented or led discussion as follows:

- **Membership Quota:** Noted we are slightly behind last year in our efforts to meet quota. Noted we are currently at 100 members renewed/paid, and have 57 members who have not yet renewed, toward the quota of 159. He displayed a graph showing current and past trends in membership renewal. He provided a list of the un-renewed members for the E.C., suggesting contact with those not renewed. If all renewed, we would still be 2 short of making quota, however, he expects several on list may not renew. It was pointed out that we also need to identify if any of these qualify for "hardship" consideration.
- **Virtual Meeting (VM) Update:** Noted still in beta testing stage. Had one VM member (Don McLaughlin) again last meeting, and have Lee Boboltz on board, however, was not available for last meeting. Still looking for some more tester participants. Still working on resolution of several technical and equipment issues.

**Post Activities:** Chair Lindsey noted, or commented on the following:

- "Fall Fest Social Cookout Social" Event: Scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A/T Veterans Dinner / Event on Saturday – November 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Post. It was noted that Post only needs to provide a non-member bartender. Charities, Inc. will pay \$ 15/hour for this service.

**Chaplain/VAVS:** Chaplain Porter noted or commented on:

- Keith Musselman was still at the Anderson Care Center (Room 410), Porter had visited him today.
- VAVS event, hosted at our Post, currently scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, however is still questionable.
- May have a VAVS event at VA Hospital in November. Will advise when he know further.

Americanism: Commander Bishop noted there is still no Americanism Chair,

Jerry Porter advised that he had attempted to contact Bill Meldebrink and/or Dave Kammerer (Anderson High School) regarding participation in Post 318's A & G Testing this year, which appears questionable at this point, as neither have responded to his calls. Porter is also working on Oratorical Program participation.

Randy Lindsey noted he was planning to assist with the Oratorical Program.

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop noted there is still no Chair for these programs. He advised that he and Randy Lindsey were attending the AACC Meetings, and had attended the last meeting, distributed Post event fliers, and made notice of the 10% Patriot Center hall rental discount available to AACC members.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves noted that nothing to report, but had delivered more stuffed animals to the Caring Place.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported that :

- Had a major winner on Hog Wild game.
- Still another week of September Bingo, but so far C.I. will get about \$700.
- Noted A/T Recycling Center is getting smaller. Don't know if they are phasing out?

Fund-Raising: Commander Bishop noted there was still no Fund-Raising Chair. In absence of a Chair, Bishop commented as follows:

- Dances: Three (3) dances are scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> (the Remains), 20<sup>th</sup> (Sweetheart Dance – Cincy Rockers), and 27<sup>th</sup> (Halloween Dance – Big Trouble Blues).
- Football-Mania: In progress, with all returns due in by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Open Mic: Has been discontinued due to not meeting revenue expectations.
- Restaurant Fund-Raisers: Continues to get requests to participate, however, no one willing to assume responsibility for coordinating or taking lead. Lost potential revenue source.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight commented on the recent Art and Rug Auction rental, and also a Celebration of Life rental for a deceased non-Post member veteran. Rental inquiries seem to be a little better.

House: Ed Sears, in absence of Chair Alfieri, noted that:

- Driveway / Parking Lot Project: Pending. Expected to occur in October. Will impact access to Post for about three days (probably a Monday through Wednesday schedule).

Internal / External Communications:

Chair Dan Wolfangel (External Communications) advised that:

- October 6<sup>th</sup> Dance was in the Eastside Press Calendar of Events.

Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised or commented regarding:

- October Post Newsletter was being prepared..
- Input for October Newsletter was due yesterday.

Uniform Ceremonies: No report in absence of Chair/SAA Caskey.

Randy Lindsey noted that there was a Color Guard scheduled Thursday – September 27<sup>th</sup>, for Anderson - Turpin Boys Soccer Game at Turpin H.S.:

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop commented or noted:

- Cash Flow Problems: Starting to improve. Will be reimbursing Post for office rental when payment is possible.
- Poker Mania: Date is set for Saturday - October 13<sup>th</sup>. Need for this event to be successful to fund our programs. Discussed staffing needs, noting the Texas Hold'Em crew backed out, and he was trying to find some dealers to take their place. Anderson Towne Saver advertisement should be out this week. Still have couple of more yard signs for placement.

**Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns:** Nothing to report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Issues / Concerns:** Nothing to report.

**Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns:** Nothing to report..

**Good of Legion:** Nothing to report.

**Further Business:** None.

**Adjournment of Meeting:** There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, ***upon motion (Jerry Porter ) to adjourn meeting, and second (Ed Sears), and unanimous vote of members,*** Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 PM.

Prepared by: