

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27, 2019 (Pending Approval)

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; 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman; 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; SAA Ralph Caskey; Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); and Bob Alfieri (House); and Ken Knight (Event Coordination), which constituted the required quorum.

Absent with prior notice was Chaplain Jerry Porter. 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 February 27, 2019 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 February 27, 2019 E.C. Meeting 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 April and May updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Commander Bishop suspended normal order of business, to permit Jerry Burke, the parent of a Turpin H.S. Student, to comment on his plans to conduct a teenage dance in the after-math of the recent suicide deaths of two Turpin students. His approach to the Post was related to a gratis use of the Patriot Center for the event. He advised that since contacting us, he has also reached out to the A/T Park District for use of the amphitheater area at Beech Acres Park. Following discussion as to available dates, occupancy and security issue limitations at Patriot Center, he will be pursuing further with Beech Acres, which is now his Plan A., and we are in his Plan B. He will get back to us if he needs to Implement Plan B. The consensus of E.C. was that we would be open to use of our hall if another venue was not available. Burke will coordinate with Commander Bishop to schedule an open date if use of our hall is necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

New Correspondence (since last meeting):

- **Donation Request - 4th District 100th Anniversary Event: *Motion made (Randy Lindsey) to contribute \$25 from C.I. Budget toward event, from Veteran Account - Undefined Expenses line item. Motion seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.* Adjutant to notify C.I Treasurer to distribute.**
- **Donation Request – AHS Band Boosters for Band Extravaganza:** It was noted that a \$75 donation, in form of (3) \$25 gift cards has occurred in past years and is currently part of the the C.I. Budget. ***E.C. concurred in recommending distribution of \$75 as allocated in C.I. Budget..*** Adjutant to notify C.I Treasurer to distribute
- **Sponsorship Contribution Request – A/T July 4th Parade:** It was noted that a \$125 sponsorship contribution has occurred in past years and is currently part of the the C.I. Budget. ***E.C. concurred in recommending distribution of \$125 as allocated in C.I. Budget..*** Adjutant to notify C.I Treasurer to distribute.
- **Donation Request – Celebrity Softball Game Benefiting Dragonfly Foundation:** It was noted we have not contributed to this request in the past, and there were no C.I. Funds allocated. ***E.C. declined action on request..***

- Donation Solicitation – Volunteers of America: It was noted we have not contributed to this cause in the past, and there were no C.I. Funds allocated. ***E.C. declined action on request.***
- Contribution Request - 4th District Past Commander Pin: It was noted that a \$25 contribution is defined in the approved C.I. Budget for this purpose. ***E.C. concurred in recommending distribution of \$25 as allocated in C.I. Budget.*** Adjutant to notify C.I. Treasurer to distribute.
- Acknowledgment from 4th District for \$160 Contribution to Special Olympics: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Eight Ball Tournament – April 14, 2019 – Michael Billiards (Fairfield, OH): Posted on BB. Copy to Post Activities Chair Lindsey.
- HCC Newsletter: To be placed in Legion Newsletter binder.

Outgoing Correspondence and Adjutant Actions:

- HCC – Request to correct Post 318's Mailing Label Address.
- Changed Post member John McNamara's membership status 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 February 28, 2019 with a copy for Adjutant to file with the March E.C. Minutes. Yersky noted that the current combined balance within both the Post current Operating Account and Savings Account, to-date, was approximately \$22,813 (\$12,326 Operations Account / \$10,487 Savings Account), with a \$1,000 pending deposit. There will also be a forthcoming transfer from Operations to Savings of approximately \$619. He noted that we have received around \$1,000 in memorial donations in memory of deceased Post member Frank Gory.

Yersky also commended on the status of First Financial Bank's (our current mortgage holder) proposal to transfer the Post's operations, savings and credit card accounts from 5/3rd Bank. He has been in conversation with our new contact at First Financial Bank, a Ryan Shamblin. It was noted that this proposal currently has no effect on any current PNC Banks accounts (Bingo and Events) which shall remain with PNC.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS: Commander Bishop noted or commented on the following:

Novations Network: Bishop and House Chair Alfieri advise they have had no contact with Novations. Topic remains open.

Dance Floor Committee Report: Issue remains open.

Removal of Norton Billboard: Electric has been disconnected. A caller regarding the best time for removal had been referred to House Chair Alfieri, however, he has not received the call.

Round About Travel Request for Ad in Post Newsletter: Bishop advised Ginny Kaldmo has taken a three month business card size ad for \$25.

Membership / Buddy Check Status: Bishop and Membership Chair Bob Kamman commented on the status and response of the Buddy Check program. Any E.C. member that has not yet attempted, to contact their assigned previous members was requested to do so. Anyone that has not yet reported results of such attempts or contacts is to let Kamman know results.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander): Commander Bishop noted, or led discussion on the following new issues or new business.

Scholarship Program: Bishop noted that there had been some talk in past about changing the funding source for our scholarship program. If we funded this program using C.I. General Account funds, rather than Poppy Funds, we could adopt our own rules. For example, the scholarships could be awarded to the child of a parent, or grandparent, who is an honorably veteran. parents. ***A motion (Don Bishop) was made to change funding source for our Veteran Child Scholarship Program from C.I. Veteran Account to C.I. General Account, and to set applicant sponsorship eligibility as a veteran parent or grandparent, starting in 2020. Motion was seconded (Ron Yersky), and passed unanimously.***

Post 318 Awards and Recognition Program: Bishop suggested we set Saturday – July 20, 2019 as the date for the 2019 program. ***E.C. concurred.***

Adjutant Wolfangel noted he had been in contact with Ohio Senator Wilson's office on a date for him to appear at our Post for presentations under the Veterans Honor Program, and suggested that in addition to Post Meeting dates, we offer him presentation at the Awards Program, since the attendance would be greater. ***E.C. concurred.***

Oratorical Rules Change Proposal: Bishop commented regarding a request from Winnie Clayton (who assists with mentoring Oratorical contestants) to see if rules could not be changed to allow use of note cards for Oratorical presentations. Bishop noted that District and State level rules are controlled by the Dept. of Ohio, however, we can change our local Post rules, and could submit a resolution to HCC for a rule change at their level. Questions are: 1) Do we change our local Post rules, and 2) Do we submit resolution to HCC to consider rule change? Following some discussion, ***the matter was tabled until next E.C. meeting when hopefully our Oratorical Program coordinator – Jerry Porter would be present to provide some input.***

Film on Foyer Windows: Bishop suggested considering placement of a tint film on foyer windows to minimize effects of sun coming in when utilizing the foyer. ***Motion made (Don Bishop) to have House Chair Alfieri explore costs, and report back at next E.C. meeting. Motion seconded (Ed Sears), and passed unanimously.***

Veteran Ministry Hall Rental: Bishop noted he had been contacted by former Post member, and now renewed Post member Jonathan Kollmann, who is the pastor at the Anderson Hills United Methodist Church. Kollmann would like to start a Monthly Veterans Ministry, and would like to rent our hall for an hour each month to hold that ministry. While the rental does not require any action on our part, Bishop feels we should actively support and promote the veteran ministry.

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

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

- Membership Quota: Noted we are currently at 154 renewed /paid, toward the quota of 159, which leaves us currently at least 5 members short. Several members have indicated they have potential new members, however, we need to try and get them in by March 31st if at all possible.
- Virtual Meeting Computer: Kamman indicated he has obtained a new computer, and was donating the one that he is using for the Virtual Meetings, to the Post.

Post Activities: Chair Lindsey noted that he was looking at trying to put together a Red's game outing in May, and would be bringing up at April Post Meeting.

Adjutant Wolfangel reminded that October 2019 would be Post 318's 80th Anniversary, and we might consider some celebration, possibly in conjunction with the A/T Veterans Day Dinner at our Post. Chair Lindsey will consider.

Chaplain/VAVS: No report in absence of Chaplain Porter.

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

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop noted there is still no Chair for these programs.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves noted he had nothing to report, but would be submitting items of veteran interest for Post Newsletter, and/or sending out via email.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported that :

- He understands PNC Bank will be changing names.
- This coming Sunday will be the 5th Bingo for March, which should result in a fairly good month for revenue.
- He has started a new "Find the Green Dragon" card game, which will begin this week.

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

- Dances: Noted next dance is March 30th, and he is still short of staffing. He advised this is a never ending problem as he has about 5 regular volunteers. He noted the Post cannot survive without the dance revenue, and he cannot continue to hold the event without more help.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight advised rentals in February and March were fairly good, and he had one rental in April.

Discussion was had regarding when rental “deposits” should be returned, as it was felt some post-rentals clean up was not done as it should be. Consensus was that it was Event Coordinator's prerogative, and possibly a modest period of time may be reasonable to allow for checking with House personnel.

House: Chair Alfieri, noted the followings:

- Roof Leak Problems: He has been in contact with roofer, who will be returning to repair.
- Alarm System: SECO has checked out the system, and should have problems repaired. Alfieri indicated he now has a list of the fault code locations and would be posting it near alarm panel.
- New Oven: He is securing electrical bids for oven location..

Internal / External Communications:

Chair Dan Wolfangel (External Communications) advised he had no report.

Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised or commented regarding:

- Deadline for May Post Newsletter articles / input is April 25th.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair/SAA Caskey commented or noted the following:

- 4th District's 100th Anniversary Event – May 4th: Noted Post color guard will not be participating due to another commitment..
- McNicholas H.S. Veteran Memorial Rededication – April 26th: Post rifle squad will be participating.
- Turpin H.S. Veteran Wall Dedication – May 4th: Post color guard participating.
- Request for Additional Flags for Sport Fields: Noted he had been contacted by a Don Wegman regarding additional flag, or flags for sports field locations. Since it was unclear exactly what was needed, Caskey will attempt to obtain more info and report back.
- A/T July 4th Parade: Noted we will be participating, and Bob Alfieri was handling registration.

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop advised he had no report.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report.

4th District Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report.

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

Good of Legion: None.

Further Business: None.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM.

Prepared by: