

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 29, 2019

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM at Post 318, by Commander DuBois. Matters addressed at the Executive Committee Meeting were:

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Acting Adjutant Wolfangel conducted roll call.

Elected Officers

Commander	Joseph DuBois, Jr	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Randy Lindsey	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	E
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	A
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
Fund Raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	E
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present A= Absent
E = Excused (prior notice) V= Vacant

Absent were the currently vacant Committee Chair positions for Community Support; and Fund-raising.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Acting Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the July 31, 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 website. *A motion (Dan Wolfangel) was made and seconded (Bob Alfieri) to accept minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.*

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: Commander Dubois advised updated calendar is on website. Reminded all to keep their area of responsibility updated on calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Acting Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following correspondence received:

- Tri-State Honor Flight – Thank you for \$300 Donation. Posted.

- Ayers Elementary School – Thank you note related to Poppy Days. Posted
- Children Cancer Recovery Foundation – Solicitation for contribution. No Action Taken as no C.I. Funds budgeted.
- Navy League of U.S. - Solicitation toward USS Cincinnati Commissioning. No funds available in C.I. Budget. To be posted on BB should any individual desire to contribute. Possibly solicit membership at next Post Meeting.
- George B. Ford Ins. Agency – No Action required. Receive same info every year.
- Dept of Ohio Law & Order 2020 Program Info - To Dan Wolfangel who will coordinate Post's 2020 L & O Program.
- Boy Scout Sam Rau (Troop 519) Request for Contribution for Eagle Scout Project – (Scout Liaison Joe Baker Recommended \$100). Motion made (Alfieri) to contribute \$100 from budgeted C.I. Funds. Ed Sears 2nd, passed unanimous. Wolfangel to notify C.I. Treasurer Geil and Joe Baker of action.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Ron Yersky:

Provided Post Expense and Revenue (Actuals) reports, as of July 31, 2019 for all present and Adjutant. Reported balances of \$13,253. + in Post Savings Account. \$17,525. + in Operating Account. Nothing out of ordinary for August bills. Post finances are in fairly good shape. Has not heard of anyone volunteering or interested in taking over Finance Officer duties.

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

Noted that an email vote had been taken to authorize the expenditure of \$50 from Post funds for Eric Franz (Social Media Coordinator) for Facebook Advertising. Wolfangel noted that vote was taken on 8/21/19, and there were 11 responses, all in favor. Constituted quorum and majority vote, thus passed.

Noted that Post had a request from Wagon Wheels Women's Club for speaker for their October Meeting. Dubois advised that Don Bishop would be handling the request.

Wolfangel reported on status of Revisions to Constitution and By-Laws, noting copies were in clubroom for review and the notification to Post membership of September 11, 2019 Post General Meeting vote would be in the September Post Newsletter.

Wolfangel gave a preliminary report on the results of the "Hometown Heroes" Benefit that was given on August 25th at Latitudes Bar and Bistro. Wolfangel turned over \$6,992.06 to Finance Officer Yersky, noting there are still a couple silent auction contributions out. All these contributed funds received will be placed in the Post Savings Account as per Post policy. Discussion was also had on methods of recognizing primary organizers of the benefit. Wolfangel to investigate having plaques and/or certificates of recognition prepared, to present at a future Post Meeting.

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

Dubois noted that we had an offer / request from Blue Cross / Blue Shield to hang a banner advertising their product for a 3-month period, for a contribution of \$150. Discussion was had regarding pros and cons of doing so, and location if accepted. Matter tabled at this time until Dubois can get further details.

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

Membership: Chair Kamman reported that we have 111 members paid for 2020 membership year, toward our quota of 161, and our goal of 165 which we believe is our all-time high in membership.

Bishop suggested Kamman check with Dept. of Ohio to confirm what our Post all time high membership.

Post Activities: Chair Lindsey noted that the Ice Cream Social was well attended. Our next social event will be a Fall event in October. Lindsey is also looking for assistance with planning the Post Christmas Party which will also be a celebration of the American Legion's 100th Anniversary and the Post's 80th Anniversary.

Will be working on A/T Veterans Day Event at Post. Bishop advised he had been in contact with A/T and will get info to Lindsey. Bishop gave some details on plans for event.

Wolfangel commented on closeout of Post Awards Program event, noting all non-attending awardees' certificates have been either delivered or mailed. He passed out a 10-year compilation (2009 – 2019) of program number of event attendees versus number of awards presented for each category, for review in any future discussions or planning relative to the Awards event.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Porter advised Charles Stein home recuperating from surgery. Bill King back at NEC. Leo Turner at Salem Woods Care Center in dementia unit. Keith Musselman at Anderson Care Center. Noted Rick and Margaret Simpson were returning to town in future.

Next VAVS night at V.A. Hospital will be December 16th.

Americanism: Chair Henkel was absent. Dubois advised he is trying to arrange meeting with Chair Henkel, and Porter to discuss the future of programs under Americanism.

Porter advised he wants to reserve Saturday, January 18, 2010 on Post calendar, for Post's Oratorical Competition.

Community Support & Recognition: No report. Dubois advised no volunteer for Chair of this committee. yet. Bishop advised we need to get someone to attend monthly AACCC (Chamber of Commerce) meetings as we are losing our contact within the Anderson business community. Money is budgeted to pay lunch charges for two attendees each month.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves was absent so there was no report.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported that Bingo provided for August: \$2,900 to Post / \$890 to C.I. / \$452 Concessions. Total \$4,242. With two more months in the Bingo year. The Post has received \$21,750 and CI has received \$7,201., both slightly ahead of last bingo year to date.

Fund-Raising: Commander DuBois noted there was still no Fund-Raising Chair.

Bishop noted that: * Plans for Christmas Variety Show were progressing

* Fall Dance Schedule starts with 9/14/19 dance.

* Have established tentative dates for Spring season dances.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight was excused and there was no report.

House: Chair Alfieri, noted the followings:

- Sewer Problem: Received estimate of \$500 just to check out. Noted that the smell and seepage seem to have disappeared, and he suggest we table any further action at this time.
- Still dealing with some new roof leaks.
- Lighting mount, for use of band events has been installed on post. Still possible concern as to emergency light issue.

Internal / External Communications: Chair Ruffennach (External Communications) was excused but Wolfangel noted Nothing to report
Commander DuBois (Internal Communications) reported that the September Newsletter will be distributed September 1st.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair/SAA Caskey reported:

- Joseph House stuff delivered; Noted that in need of clothing in “medium”.
- Color Guards:
 - September 24th and 25th for H.S. Soccer Games.
 - October 11th AHS Military night.
 - October 18th – AHS -THS Football game.
- Rifle Cleaning session in planning.

Dubois noted that we still had not followed through on an inter-action with the Young Marines Group that we had discussed some time ago. Bishop advised he will investigate planning a flag retirement event that they can participate in for October.

Charities, Inc.: Liaison Bishop noted:

- C.I. was looking for new fund-raising activities to replace Poker-Mania, Anderson Days, Etc.
- Currently investigating a “Breakfast with Santa Claus” event on Saturday morning December 7th. Projections are that it could possibly produce anywhere from \$400 up to \$1,100 depending upon attendance and offerings. Bishop ask if Post would consider donating use of the rental hall for the event, to maximize revenue.

Wolfangel made motion to approve gratis use of hall for the event. Kamman 2nd, passed unanimous.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report. Yersky noted that he has paid the HCC Post dues assessment.

4th District Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report. Yersky noted that he has paid the 4th District Post dues assessment.

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report.

Good of Legion: AARP tax Program: Yersky noted that no decision had been made yet, however, AARP may be requesting gratis use of our hall for tax prep in first quarter of 2020, as they did in 2019.

Further Business: None.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander DuBois adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 PM

Prepared by:



Ed Ruffennach
Adjutant Post 318