

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 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:

Adjutant Ruffennach 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	X
Finance Officer	Ron Yersky	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	E
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	E

Appointed Positions/Chairs

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

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Adjutant Ruffennach, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the August 29, 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 (Ron Yersky) was made and seconded (Randy Lindsey) to accept minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.* Ruffennach also reported that the General Meeting on September 11th were reduced to print and previously distributed to E.C. members posted in the General Meeting Minutes Binder and submitted for inclusion on the website

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

October 16th Fall Festival Social for Members & families

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Sender	Subject	Disposition	Date Resolved
8/15/2019	Tri-State Honor Flight	Thank you note for \$300 donation	Posted	8/15/2019
8/24/2019	Boy Scout Sam Rau (Troop 519)	Request for Eagle Scout Project Donation \$100	EC Approved CI Treasurer Walt Geil & Joe Baker notified	8/29/2019
9/2/2019	Appearance Plus Cleaners	Inquiry into our decline in service use		
9/4/2019	Anderson park District	Request for sponsorship for Trunk 'R Treat	Budgeted forwarded to CI	9/25/2019
9/4/2019	Parkside Christian Church Connection's Committee	Color Guard request for Veteran's event November 13th	Forwarded to SAA Caskey	9/4/2019
9/7/2019	County of Hamilton Auditor	Tax Exemption Renewal Application	To Ron due October 1st	9/7/2019
9/7/19	Lue Hutchinson	Solicitation for help raising funds for Gulf War Memorial		
9/10/2019	Phone Call Duke Energy (McKenzie)	Discuss information on bill phone #800-21-9011 Option 1 Ext 1677	To Ron 9/11/19	9/11/2019
9/11/2019	Letter sent to Star Construction	Re: Electric line break		
9/11/2019	American Legion Hamilton County	Newsletter	Placed in binder after General Meeting	9/11/2019
9/11/2019	Joseph House	Announcement & Solicitation		
9/11/2019	Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost	Announcement of new Bingo application process	To Ed Sears Bingo Chair	9/11/2019
9/21/2019	American Power & Gas	Distributor Change		
9/21/2019	AL 4th District	Notices of Bowling Tournament		
9/23/2019	Duke Energy	Notice of change in Supplier		
9/23/2019	Anderson Little League	Solicitation for Team Sponsorship	EC passed motion to decline	9/25/2019
9/25/2019	Volunteers of America	Donation Solicitation TABLED	Charlie Cleves to investigate	

made (Don Bishop) and seconded (Bob Kamman) to decline the request from the Anderson Little League for a team sponsorship because of unbudgeted funds. MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made (Don Bishop) and seconded (Jerry Porter) to table the donation request from Volunteers of America until an investigation can be done to determine the distribution of funds. MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Yersky reported that there is approximately \$14,500 in the checking account and \$21,500 in the savings account for a total of approximately \$36,000.

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

Blue Cross / Blue Shield proposal to display an advertising sign in our lobby. *A motion was made (Jerry Porter) and seconded by (Bob Kamman) to reject the Blue Cross / Blue Shield proposal. MOTION CARRIED.*

Received a request AARP to have gratis access to the Patriot Center hall from January 7, 2020 to April 14, 2020 for Income Tax training and assistance for the community for filing taxes. *A motion was made (Don Bishop) and seconded (Bob Alfieri) to accept the request from AARP. MOTION CARRIED.*

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander): No new business

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

Membership: Kamman reported that we are on track and ahead of previous years to reach a 75% membership renewal mark. We are also on track with the still yet unpaid 46 members to reach our goal for the first time in recent history.

Post Activities: Lindsey Reported that the Veterans Day Dinner sponsored by Anderson Township will be held on November 11, 2019 at the Post. Members are reminded to make their reservations. The Post Christmas Part will be held December 6, 2019 with the opening of the Bar at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and entertainment scheduled for 7:30. Invitations will be mailed October 31, 2019.

Chaplain/VAVS: Porter reported that Legionnaire Howard "Bill" King has passed away. His son Steve stated that all arrangements had been made and there was nothing need from American Legion. Porter also informed us that Legionnaire Bill Hitchcock has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Americanism: Henkel reported that the Oratorical contest and the Bot State and Girl State programs are still in good shape and moving forward. The Americanism testing is questionable as to its viability depending on the school's response. The Educator of the Year is something that we have not done for a while. Henkel will reach out to the school district for input.

Community Support & Recognition: Bingo and Euchre have been added to the weekly email blast done by the Chamber of Commerce to its members every Monday morning

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Cleves reported that he is working with a Veteran from the Batavia area who has health issues and is seeking VA support. Cleves is taking his own time to ensure that the Veteran is accessing everything he needs and is even driving him to the places so he familiar with were his services are provided.

Bingo: Sears reported that Bingo financial information was forwarded to Commander DuBois. Dubois stated he will publish it in the Newsletter.

Fund-Raising: Bishop reported that the Christmas show is doing well. To date there have been \$1,013 in sales which accounts for about 25% of the available tickets. The premium seats however are already 50% sold. We have also

received about \$450 in advertising money. There will be a dance on Saturday September 29th to kick off the nine dances for the fall. There are 12 dances scheduled for the Winter / Spring session starting in January and finishing in June. The Breakfast with Santa is still be organized, additional details will follow.

Event Coordination: No report.

House: Chair Alfieri, noted the followings: The damaged electric to our sigs and parking lot lighting has been restored by our electrician. The cost of repair is being covered by Starr Construction. The concrete parking stops still need replaced.

Internal / External Communications: Chair Ruffennach (External Communications) Invitations to our next meeting for presentation of plaques and thank you proclamations to the principle organizers and workers for the Hometown Heroes Fund Raiser will be mailed in the next few days. Also thank notes will be sent to all who donated.

Commander DuBois (Internal Communications) reported that the Newsletter will be posted and sent electronically and mailed as needed.

At 10: AM

Uniform Ceremonies: Caskey sent a report in his absence as follows: October 11th is Military Night at Anderson High School. Need 10 members for Color Guard and Service Flags Presentation. October 18th a Color Guard is needed for Anderson / Turpin Football game. October 19th will be the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Hillcrest Cemetery. Commander DuBois will do the Opening Ceremony for the Ceremony.

Charities, Inc.: Liaison Bishop stated that is awaiting confirmation for the November 9th WAVE THE FLAG find raiser from Kroger. The flags have been purchased.

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: Nothing to report

Further Business: None.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander DuBois adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:52 PM

Prepared by:



Ed Ruffennach
Adjutant Post 318