

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 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 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 Matt Lilly; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Chaplain Jerry Porter; SAA Ralph Caskey; Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs; Randy Lindsey (Americanism); Bob Alfieri (House); Ed Sears (Bingo) and Ken Knight (Event Coordination), which constituted the required quorum.

Absent with advance notice was Finance Officer Ron Yersky. The Fund-Raising and Community Support Committee Chairs currently remain vacant.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Adjutant Wolfangel, noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from the April 26, 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 (Bob Kamman), and was passed unanimously.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

Commander Bishop reminded that all should have the on-line calendar for May and June 2018 updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

Correspondence Received:

- Phillips Supply Company Request for Updated Tax Exempt Form: Wolfangel advised it had been faxed to them.
- Solicitation from Anderson H. S. Band Boosters for Band Extravaganza: ***E.C. recommended \$75 contribution from C.I. Finds, as allocated within approved C.I. current budget. Adjutant to notify C.I. of action.***
- Solicitation from A.L. Dept of Ohio for Special Olympics: ***E.C. recommended \$155 (\$1 for each Post member) contribution from C.I. Finds, as allocated within approved C.I. current budget. Adjutant to notify C.I. of action.***
- Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues Renewal Notice for Post 318: Notice had been ***forwarded to Post Finance Officer for payment in amount of \$110, as allocated and approved in Post 318 current budget.***
- Kool-Ease Heating & Cooling Preventative Maintenance Agreement Proposal (\$550 per Year). House Chair Alfieri advised has already made other arrangements for HVAC maintenance, ***He will contact Kool-Ease and advise of declining of proposal.***
- Solicitation from Memorial Day Foundation for Wreath Program – U.S. Foreign Military Cemeteries: ***E.C. recommended \$25 contribution from C.I. Finds, as allocated within approved C.I. current budget. Adjutant to notify C.I. of action.***
- Notice of 4th District Commander Homecoming – May 19th – Post 534 (Riverside): Will be posted on BB.
- Notice of 53rd Annual Dept. of Ohio Golf Tournament – August 11 – 12, 2018: Will be posted on BB.

- Ohio Dept of Liquor Control Permit Renewal (\$2,800): ***Will be forwarded to Finance Officer for payment.*** It was noted that Matt Lilly had agreed to continue his responsibly as Post Bar Manager, thus being the Post designated contact for permit.
- Resolution from Post 288 (Wilmington, OH) in Support of Stephen Foster as Candidate for 4th District 2nd Vice Commander: Will be posted on BB.
- Request from 4th District 2nd Vice Commander Jim Jennings Seeking Support for election to 4th District 1st Vice Commander: Will be posted on BB.
- A.L. National Headquarters Notice of Bob Kamman Seeking PUFL Status: ***E.C. had no objection.***
- Notice of, and Solicitation for Donation, Regarding Joseph House Golf Outing – June 30, 2018: ***E.C. recommended \$100 “Hole Sponsor” contribution from C.I. funds, as allocated within approved C.I. current budget. Adjutant to notify C.I. of action.*** Info on Golf Outing to be posted on BB.
- Solicitation Request for 30th Annual Celebrity Softball Classic on July 18, 2018: ***E.C. declined due current C.I. budget situation.***
- Consolidated Post Report (CPR) – Due by June 1st: Wolfangel advised he was in process of preparing the report and was sending out inquiries relative to data needed for completion of report.
- Dept. of Ohio Convention Packet: Convention to be held on June 29-30-August 1, 2018 at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, OH. Packet included: convention info; Hotel Housing Form (due June 1st); Post Delegate/Alternate Designation Form (due June 15th); Form to report identities of 2018-2017 elected Post Officers and Americanism Chair and Buckeye Boys State Chair (due June 15th). Commander Bishop indicated his intention to attend, and noted that current budget is approved for two attendees.
- Request from Lowes Store for Tax Exempt Renewal Form: ***Ed Sears advised he would handle.***
- Dept. of Ohio Notification of New Policy as to Non-Return and Re-Allocation of Registration Fees for Boys State Non-Attendees: This was received by Americanism Chair Randy Lindsey, and will be filed for future reference.
- Flyer Promoting H.C.S.O. Meeting and Brunch at Post on May 1, 2018 for A/T Business Owners and Managers: Info only.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Ron Yersky, presented finance report from Yersky, and distributed to the E.C. members copies of a line item budget (Revenue / Expense Actuals) update through March 2018, with copy for Adjutant to file with April E.C. Minutes. Yersky had noted that currently the Post Operating Account balance was approximately \$15,030 and Savings Account balance was approximately \$8,200. In addition, he also has a pending deposit in amount of \$598.66. Known May expenses amount to approximately \$6,853.

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

- 1) Nomination Committee / Officer Election Process Update: Commander Bishop requested Adjutant Wolfangel to provide the update: Adjutant Wolfangel advised:
 - Nominations had been received for the elected officer positions of 1st Vice Cmdr. (Bob Kamman); 2nd Vice Cmdr. (Randy Lindsey); Adjutant (Dan Wolfangel); Finance Officer (Ron Yersky); Chaplain (Jerry Porter); and Sgt-At-Arms (Ralph Caskey).
 - No nominations for Post Commander had yet been received, noting that the Post Commander officer position is a required position to maintain Post's charter and existence.
 - E.C. was asked if they had any nominees for Post Commander position, to which there were none offered.
 - Noted that publication of the notice of the election to be held at the May 9, 2018 Post Meeting, along with the current known nominees, would appear in the May Post Newsletter. Said notice will indicate lack of any nominees for Post Commander, and that nominations for that position will remain open until immediately prior to conducting of the election on May 9th, and any nominees desiring to seek the open position should contact Adjutant Wolfangel prior to May 9th.

- 2) Open Chair Positions: Bishop reminded, and noted that currently the Fund-Raising Committee Chair and Community Support Chairs are vacant, and going forward in to the 2018-2019 year, those two positions, plus Americanism Chair will be vacant. Still have not had volunteer to take over as Bingo Chair / Manager which will be vacant (as of end of October 2018).
- 3) HCC C & P Dinner: Adjutant Wolfangel advised the Post had two paid-for-tickets to the event on April 28th, if anyone wanted to attend. Being held at Post 69 (Reading, OH).
- 4) 4th District Summer Conference: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Delegate/Alternate designation form needs to be submitted by May 25th. Will be held at Post 199 (Harrison, OH) on June 3rd. We are entitled to 2 Delegates. Bishop indicated he will be unable to attend. Bob Kamman advised he would attend. Wolfangel indicated he could probably attend also.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):

- 1) Dept. of Ohio Bowling Tournament Proposal: Bishop called for comment on the inquiry from Holiday Inn & Suites in Eastgate, that had been previously circulated to E.C. members, regarding an opportunity to pair with Holiday Inn (Eastgate location) in the submitting of a proposal for consideration of hosting the 2020 Dept. of Ohio Bowling Tournament at Ohio Pike Bowling Lanes. Considerable discussion followed regarding what would be required of us, revenue opportunities, and staffing issues. ***Motion (Ed Sears) was made to decline the offer on basis of uncertainty that we could handle our obligations. Motion was seconded (Bob Alfieri), and passed to decline the offer. Commander Bishop is to notify Holiday Inn representative of decision.***
- 2) Virtual Meetings: Bishop brought up article in Legion publication regarding some Posts that were conducting Virtual Meetings, where members could monitor and participate in Post Meeting via the internet, to increase member participation in Post activities. Discussion indicated it was worth looking into, however it was felt that further information was needed as to mechanics, equipment and costs. Bob Kamman was asked to try to obtain further info, and report back at a future meeting.

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman, noted we were at 154 members, just 1 short of quota, which must be made in next five weeks. It was noted by Bishop, Randy Lindsey, and Kamman that several possible new members, or transferring members, were pending. It was directed by Commander Bishop that if at least one of these does not materialize within the week, the Post pay for a renewal for one of the current members that has not yet renewed. Bishop suggested possibly Clinton Geer.

The question of who is eligible for First Year Free was posed for discussion. Commander Bishop communicated that the Post guideline changed a while back, when Dept. of Ohio redefined its incentive program and dropped the requirement that to receive bonus money a Post had to reach quota by Veterans Day. The Post currently pays the first year dues for all first time American Legion members.

Post Activities: Chair Matt Lilly advised he had no report.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Porter advised no report, however, he had attended the Forest-Aires Benefit Concert that the Post had taken out an ad in the program booklet. He advised ad was well done, and he would try to secure a copy for file. It was noted that Leo Turner was to have heart related surgery at Christ Hospital today, however, have not heard anything further.

Americanism: Chair Randy Lindsey noted that we had not received any Scholarship applications as yet. Discussion indicated that at least two were in process of preparation, and should be in by the April 30th deadline.

Discussion was also had regarding possibility of changing the eligibility for the scholarships, to not require that the applicant's parents be active military or veteran. The C.I. Program funding source is currently the driving factor in the current eligibility. Changing the funding source would permit eligibility changes, if we decided we wanted to do so in future.

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop, in absence of a committee chair, noted or commented as follows:

- Hillcrest Cemetery Community Service Projects: Bishop noted that:
 - May 12th. - Walt Geil and Ed Sears volunteered to do some chainsaw work.
 - May 19th. - Need 2 to 3 volunteers to assist in figuring out how to align the headstones.
 - Hoping to create about 12 teams of 6 members each to complete the projects over the next three years. Each team would meet once a month for about 4 hours, and 3 teams to be scheduled each week. Post member Todd Mayer will be leading this project.
- Mainsource Bank: Bishop noted that a meeting held with a Joe Durrant of Mainsource Bank regarding how the bank could be involved in supporting of the community, led to a discussion on the possibility of Mainsource providing a mortgage to the Post. Bishop, Lindsey and Wolfangel were involved in the meeting. A second meeting, requested by Mr., Durrant, to further discuss the mortgage issue is set for May 1st.
- Community Support Opportunity: Randy Lindsey noted an opportunity to promote the Post community involvement, through handing out small flags, with a thank you, to members of Habitat for Humanity volunteer build teams that will be building framing structures on the grounds of Nagel Middle School on Saturday – April 28th. Matt Lilly advised he would handle.
- July 4th Parade: Bob Alfieri indicated he had registration form for the parade and would complete and submit back to Steve Sievers (Anderson Township). Adjutant Wolfangel indicated our Supporting Sponsorship contribution to the parade had already been made.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves noted he had nothing to report.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears noted that there was one more bingo this month, after which he would be distributing checks to Post and C.I. He also noted that at a recent bingo one of the attendees was using a “vapor” smoking device, and he was suggesting these devices be included within our prohibition against smoking within the building. ***Bishop requested that Adjutant Wolfangel prepare a policy for adoption at a future meeting, that includes prohibition against all types of smoking devices, including electronic cigarettes, vaping, or any other similar devices, being used in Post 318 facility.*** Wolfangel advised he would also include a reference to “vaping” devices in bingo announcements.

Fund-Raising: Commander Bishop, in absence of a Chair, commented or noted:

- Dances: Averaging about \$800 in net revenue at dances. Still having difficulty in securing volunteers for staffing.
- Open Mic: Targeting these events for producing needed summer revenue. Still weighing as to whether these events are a viable project. Have been extended through month of June for every Friday night.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight, commented that things were going great. He noted a wireless mic system was being requested for an event for May 1st, however, our current podium sound system could not, or apparently was not working, to provide such capability. Knight indicated he had purchased a 30' mic cable to provide greater flexibility for speaker to move around.

House: Chair Alfieri commented or noted the following:

- Roof Leaks: Work continues on locating and repairing all roof leaks, after which new ceiling tiles will be put up.
- False Alarm Fees: Noted Anderson Township has put out new, increased fee schedule for false security alarm responses, ranging from \$50 to \$150 per occurrence. General discussion was had regarding alarm company call list, possibility of eliminating alarm (which would have insurance implications), and possibly looking into another security system. Bishop advised that Alfieri, as House Chair, could look into another system.

Internal / External Communications: Chair Dan Wolfangel (External Communications) advised Friday's Open Mic was listed in the Eastside Press calendar of events today.

Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised or commented regarding:

- Deadline for May Post Newsletter is ready to go out, and deadline for June's Newsletter would be May 23rd.
- A conflict, related to there being two Post Facebook pages, was being resolved with a merger of the two. Going forward the public Facebook page for the Post will be "American Legion - Anderson Post 318".

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Caskey noted the following, or led discussion on:

- "Forestette Drums": Caskey indicated that the A/T Historical Society is not interested. He will now check with the schools to see if there is any interest.
- Memorial Day Detail: Caskey noted following details:
 - * 6:30 AM – Breakfast at Post – Prepared by AYSN Caterer (our kitchen). Cost is \$8.95 per person, paid for by Post.
 - * 7:45 AM - Meet at Anderson Government Center.
 - * 8:15 AM – Depart for cemetery visitations, via bus, secured by Jerry Porter..
 - * 11:30 AM – Return to Anderson Government Center.
 - * 12 Noon – A/T Memorial Bell Ceremony.

Sign up sheets available tonight and at next Post Meeting, for breakfast , Color Guard visitation detail, or both

Adjutant Wolfangel reviewed details of media release related to Post's Memorial Day activities

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop commented or noted:

- Poppy Days: Noted that FHSD will be on Thursday – May 24th, Kroger ATC will be on Saturday – May 26th. Kroger CG will not be scheduled until mid-May, if at all. Belterra Park will be on Saturday - May 26th.
- Poker Mania: We will be holding another Poker Mania event on Saturday - October 13th. Will need a lot of dealers for both Black Jack and 7 Card, and plans to conduct some dealer training sessions in advance of that date.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: No report.

4th District Issues / Concerns: No report.

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns: Bishop provided further comment on the Ohio Convention which was referenced previously under Correspondence. It will be in Columbus (Ohio) this year from June 29th thru July 1st. He is planning to attend, however, again emphasized need for an additional attendee to assure that our Post's two votes are cast, as Jean Wilson of Post 199 (Harrison, OH) is running for Department 2nd Vice Commander. It is expected to be a tight race. He believes Finance Officer Ron Yersky may be interested in attending. He will check with Yersky.

Good of Legion: None reported.

Further Business: None reported.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 PM.

Prepared by: