

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2018 (Pending Approval)

(NOTE: December E.C. Meeting moved to this date from normal date, by prior action of E.C., due to Christmas / New Years holiday period.)

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; Adjutant Dan Wolfangel; Finance Officer Ron Yersky; SAA Ralph Caskey; Chaplain Jerry Porter; Service Officer Charles Cleves; and Committee Chairs: Ed Sears (Bingo); Bob Alfieri (House) and Ken Knight (Event Coordination), which constituted the required quorum.

Absent with prior notice was 2nd Vice Commander Randy Lindsey. 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 November 28, 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 January and February updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

New Correspondence (since last meeting):

- Updated 4th District Activities Schedule: Posted on BB and copy to Post Activities Chair Lindsey.
- Notice of 4th District Outlaw Turkey Shoot – January 19, 2019 – Host Post 237 @ VFW Post 3954 (Batavia): Posted on BB and copy to Post Activities Lindsey.
- Info on Four Chaplains Memorial Service and Reception – February 10, 2019 / Invite for Post Colors: Posted on BB and copies to SAA Caskey (Colors) and Commander Bishop (Post Newsletter).
- Acknowledgment of C.I. Donation to “Memorial Day Foundation – Holiday Wreath Program”: Posted on BB.
- Info on Ohio Senator Steve Wilson “Veterans Honor Program”- Request for Names of 2018 Deceased Post 318 Members: Adjutant to handle request.
- Info on WKRC-TV Weather Watch Registration: Copy provided to Bingo Manager Sears.
- Info on VA Medallions for Private Veteran Gravestones: Copy to Bishop (Post Newsletter), and Adjutant to get info to local Funeral Directors (White & Hay).
- Notice of P.O. Box Renewal: Was renewed for six month period at cost of \$70.

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 November 30, 2018 with a copy for Adjutant to file with the December E.C. Minutes. Yersky noted that the current combined balance within both the Post current Operating Account and Savings Account, to-date, was approximately \$19,994 (\$9,567

Operations Account / \$10,427 Savings Account). Just received Bingo check in amount of \$1,750 which will be deposited. Nothing out of the ordinary expected in the monthly expenses.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted an issue that had been turned over to Yersky regarding our First Financial Bank mortgage, which involved a conflict involving the name on loan (American Legion – Anderson Post 318) and on the mortgage payment statement (American Legion – Anderson Post 318 Charities). ***Yersky advised he would make contact with bank to correct matter.***

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

Novations Network: Bishop asked House Chair Alfieri if we had any follow-up contact with Novation's representation. Chair Alfieri indicated no contact has yet been received.

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

Dance Floor Issues: Bishop noted that our dance floor has been an on-going problem due to keeping it clean, polished and it getting sticky, all of which has contributed to us losing some customers. Bishop presented summary of Post history of the dance/band events over last four years, noting we have had total of 68 events, about 75,000 attendees, netting a revenue to the Post of \$50,000. He indicated that if we are going to continue this revenue source, a good dance floor needs to be maintained, or we will lose our attendees.. Bishop indicated he saw only four options to the dance floor issue, which are:

- Get professional help on regular basis to keep floor clean and polished.
- Put in a new floor.
- Start with professional help and migrate to a new floor if that doesn't work.
- End our dances.

Bishop and House Chair Alfieri then led discussion on problems with our current hall floor as related to numerous complaints from persons attending dances. Alfieri indicated that Joe Sauter (Finishing Touches) had provided us quotes on two proposed solutions for replacing the dance floor area of the hall with a new floor. Option #1 was to install a hardwood dance floor in the entire hall "B" area, similar to a gymnasium floor, for about \$17,000, which included an annual maintenance provision. Option #2 was for a less costly vinyl manufactured flooring material, for the same area for about \$10,000. Sauter's recommendation was that Option #1 would be the best solution. Following considerable discussion, ***a motion was made (Don Bishop) for House Chair Alfieri to meet with Sauter and refine the Option #1 (hardwood flooring) proposal as to time-line to complete, a possible financing plan, and several other questions identified, and report back to the E.C. Motion seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed unanimously.***

Norton Billboard Removal: Adjutant Wolfangel reminded that the current lease for the Norton Billboard in our front parking area expires January 31, 2019, after which it is to be removed per A/T Zoning Agreement. Wolfangel noted that we had notified Norton on October 7, 2015, of our intent / need to not renew because of the zoning stipulation, and for the removal of the billboard from Post property. ***Adjutant Wolfangel was requested to send Norton a reminder of our previous termination notice and billboard removal request.***

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 137 members renewed/paid, toward the quota of 159, which leaves us currently at least 22 members short. While we have 18 members who have not yet renewed, it is expected several of them will not, thus we probably need at least 8 to 10 new members to make quota. He noted he had also sent several letters of invitation to transfer to Post 888 members.

Post Activities: No report in absence of Chair Lindsey. .

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Porter noted or commented on:

- VAVS Visit to VA Hospital on December 17, 2018 went well, with over 30 VA patients in attendance. Upcoming VAVS schedule for 2019 has not yet been confirmed.
- Advised had no information of any new ill and distressed members.

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

Jerry Porter, in accepting several Americanism program leads, noted:

- Boys & Girls State Program: Applications have been provided to Anderson High School, along with request for broader dissemination of notice regarding the program. He will need to start interviews in January. He noted he had talked to member Paul Henkle, who indicated he will assist with the program. Check for fees will be due February 15, 2019 for this years program to assure getting spots.
- Oratorical Program: Reminded that the Post 318 Competition is at the Post on January 19th (12N to 3 or 4 PM depending on final number of participants), which he anticipates could be five. He thanked all who volunteered already for judges, timers, ushers and scorers.
- A & G Testing: Indicated he had talked to AHS Principal about low number of test given last year, and advised that if we can't get more test given, we may drop the program.

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop noted there is still no Chair for these programs. Bishop did indicate he had made a pitch for Boys & Girls State Program sponsors at December AACC meeting, but as yet had no responses.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves noted or commented on:

- Veterans Assist: Had attempted several times to return a call regarding an individual who needed transportation to VA. Finally reached him and found VA had provided him with transportation.
- Bluewater Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (Regarding Agent Orange Benefits): Act is before Congress, and it is being requested that persons contact their Congress representatives. Will forward to Bishop for Post Newsletter.
- Tri-Care Dental Enrollment: Reference an extension for enrollment. Will also forward to Bishop for Post Newsletter.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported that :

- Noted he had registered with WKRC-TV for winter weather advisory.
- Had three Bingos in December, and Bingo provided: \$1,750 to Post; \$665 to C.I.; and \$389 gross in concessions, for a total of \$2,804. Currently have \$407 in Bingo operating account.
- So far in the new Bingo year (November – December) Bingo provided Post with \$2,850, and C.I with \$1,250.
- New Bingo License has been paid for and should be received any day.
- It is estimated that Bingo, over the six years in operation, has provided about \$200,000 in revenue to the Post.

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

- Dances: Noted next event is New Year's Eve Dance, with advance sale currently at 89 tickets. Still short on volunteers.
- Super Bowl Match: Understands it is going well.
- Hoops-Mania: No one to run this event.
- 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 noted that he had a rental inquiry for a Celebration of Life on Friday – December 28th from about 4:30 to 6:30 PM, but didn't know if that would interfere with the NYE Dance set-up. He was advised to go ahead and book, as we can work around it for NYE set-up. He advised several rentals were already coming in for next year.

House: Chair Alfieri, noted the followings:

- Monument Sign Light Repair: Expects to have quote tomorrow.
- Magazine Racks: Noted Caskey had secured a rack for the magazines , and Wolfangel had obtained a rack for publications and reports.
- Roof Sign Light Out: Will be repaired this week.
- Newer Convection Oven: AYSN Catering (Tammy), who rents our kitchen, has a newer model convection oven which she would be willing to trade to us for a month's kitchen rent

(about \$400). Similar to our current one, but much better. We could sell ours to regain some cost. ***Motion made (Don Bishop) to accept her offer to upgrade so long as it is compatible with our needs. Seconded (Charles Cleves), and passed unanimously.***

Internal / External Communications:

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

Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised or commented regarding:

- January Post Newsletter is in process of being prepared.
- Still has room for submissions. Need input / submissions by December 24th.

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

- Color Guard Details: Two December CG details for school have been completed, and there are two more on January 19th and 25th.
- CG Flagpole Donations: Thanks to member Gary Gregorio for donating two new adjustable flag poles.
- Jackets: Still has two ordered jackets that have not yet been picked up, nor paid for.
- Bugler Detail: Noted Ed Ruffenach played "Taps" at VA Hospital on January 15th. (These are to be included in count for CPR report).
- Gift For Yanks: Noted has \$81 plus the amount budgeted by C.I. for GFY. Still accepting donations.
- Donations for Joseph House and Fisher House: Will be making trip down Joseph House and Fisher House to drop off donated items before end of year.

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop commented or noted:

- Poppy Program: Noted Poppies have been ordered for 2019 program.

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:

Adjutant Wolfangel advised of his desire / intention to step down from Adjutant position in 2019-2020 Year, and will be placing notice in Post Newsletter seeking someone to step forward to run for the position.

Further Business: None.

Adjournment of Meeting: There being nothing further to come before the Executive Board Meeting, Commander Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM.

Prepared by: