

AMERICAN LEGION POST 318

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 24, 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 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 , which constituted the required quorum.

Absent with advance notice were Chaplain Jerry Porter and Committee Chairs Bob Alfieri (House) and Ken Knight (Event Coordination) . 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 September 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 (Ron Yersky), and was passed unanimously.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

Commander Bishop reminded that all should have the on-line calendar for November and December updated for upcoming activities in their respective area of responsibility. Bishop commented in depth on the purpose, use, and need for calendar to be maintained current and accurate to:

- Avoid double booking of rental hall.
- Communicate event and activities information to our Post members (inclusive but not limited to: Post meetings, socials and work parties, color guard details, VA Visits, etc).
- Communicate event and activities information to the community and our customers (inclusive but not limited to: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Bingo, Euchre, Dances, Fish Fries, etc).

The on-line calendar is the one location for a person to go to find out what is going on at the Post, be it just for Post Members or Open to the Public.

CORRESPONDENCE / ADJUTANT ITEMS:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted the following items:

New Correspondence (since last meeting):

- **AARP Tax Counseling Program – Request for Gratis Use of Rental Hall for Tax Preparation:** Request is for approximately fifteen days (9 AM to 4 PM) in January 2019 for counselor training, and one day (8 AM to 1 PM) each week during February and March, through April 15th, to prepare taxes and provide counseling for low and middle income persons. Post can provide a “donation jar” designated to defray Post operational costs involved with rental, if desired. Following discussion, and E.C. opinion that the usage fit within Post's community support criteria, a ***Motion was made (Dan Wolfangel) to approve usage if mutually agreeable schedule can be worked out. Motion seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.*** Bishop and Yersky to contact requester to work out details of usage.
- **Notice of Jean Wilson's 2020 Homecoming Fund-raising “Centennial Coin Raffle:** Posted on BB.
- **Veterans Day Celebration at Cincinnati Museum Center - November 11, 2018:** Posted on BB.
- **Joseph House Change of Directorship - Alicia Harter Replacing Nate Pelletier:** Posted on BB.

- HCC Newsletter (October): Posted in Legion Newsletter binder.
- Notice of Pearl Harbor Ceremony – December 12, 2018 – Post 534 / Anderson Ferry: Posted on BB.
- Arlington Memorial Cemetery (Mt. Healthy, OH) – Discounts and Credits for Veterans: Posted on BB.
- Acknowledgment from OAG Reference Post 318's Annual Charitable Report Filing and Fee Payment.
- Domain Listings Solicitation for Inclusion of Post Website in Listing at \$228 Annually: ***E.C. concurred that there was no interest in listing.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

- Appreciation Letter to A/T and Public Works Director Luginbuhl for addressing Post water intrusion problem on west side.
- Donation Acknowledgments for monetary donations to Post 318 Charities, Inc., as follows:
 - * Post Member Wayne Hinaman & Bobbe Hinaman for \$1,000 donation.
 - * Post Member Greg Oliver for \$25 donation (toward the Wave-The-Flag Program).

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 September 30, 2018 with a copy for Adjutant to file with the October E.C. Minutes. Yersky noted that the current combined balance within both the Post Operating Account and Savings Account, to-date, was approximately \$23,570 plus (\$20,000 Operations Account / \$3,570 Savings Account). Our biggest expense is the \$10,550 check that will be written tomorrow for the two contractors involved in the driveway/parking lot repaving, sealing and striping. He noted we have received a check from Joe Sauter (Finishing Touches) for his share of the project costs. Bills for November expected to be routine, with us now paying a lower mortgage payment based on the new commercial loan.

Yersky and Bishop led discussion on a proposal prepared by First Financial Bank, our new mortgage loan provider, relative to a desire from them to have the Post's financial accounts and credit cards accounts transferred to First Financial Bank. After some discussion, and determination that several relative questions / issues remain unanswered in the proposal, a ***Motion was made (Ron Yersky) to defer action on proposal until at least the first of 2019, pending further discussion with First Financial on these outstanding issues. Motion seconded (Ed Sears), and passed unanimously.*** Yersky and Bishop will address the concerns prior to reconsideration.

Randy Lindsey raised question on an item in the line item budget (Revenue / Expense Actuals) report distributed, which was clarified to his satisfaction.

Yersky further advised that the amended IRS 990 had been filed.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS: Commander Bishop commented as follows:

- MailChimp: Noted email system is the Post's primary method of communications, however we have 30 members who have either unsubscribed, or blocked their email addresses from receipt of MailChimp. This number keeps growing. We need to figure out why these members don't wish to hear from us.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander): Commander Bishop noted he had no new issues or business.

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 109 members renewed/paid, (69%) and have 49 members who have not yet renewed, toward the quota of 159, which leaves us currently 50 members short. He provided a list of the non-renewed members for the E.C. He has possibly 2 or 3 potential new members he is working on. however, he expects several on list may not renew. He will be sending out additional notices (via mail or email) to those current members not renewed.

Ralph Caskey indicated that he thought congress had just taken some action that extended the Viet Nam era period. Kamman stated he would check on that with Department of Ohio.

Post Activities: Chair Lindsey noted, or commented on the following:

- “Fall Fest Social Cookout Social” Event, on October 23rd, was a success.
- Next Post social event will be Post Christmas Party on December 7th, and he will be working on getting invites out, with RSVP postcards. Will need some help on compiling the mailing list. Bishop advised Lindsey that funding/expenses for the party will come from C.I. budget.
- Reminded of the A/T Veterans Day Dinner / Event on Saturday – November 10th, at the Post. A/T has put out notice for RSVPs.
- Noted he only had one person interested in the 4th District Bowling Tournament, so we would not be participating.

Chaplain/VAVS: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chaplain Porter, noted Porter had advised that he had no information on any new or distressed members, and that he (Porter) would be having a forthcoming knee surgery.

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

Randy Lindsey advised that Porter had been in contact with Anderson H.S 's Bill Meldenbrink and the Anderson Principal regarding A & G Tests, with less than satisfactory response as to who would given the tests. Lindsey further advised that he believed there were at least 3 students interested in participating in the Oratorical Program.

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that Jerry Porter had advised that the A& G Tests ordered have not yet arrived, but he expected them in the next couple of days, however, the A & G Pins ordered were received.

Community Support & Recognition: Commander Bishop noted there is still no Chair for these programs, and he had nothing new to report regarding AACC.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves noted that since last meeting he had handled one phone inquiry regarding an individual seeking info on filing of a V.A. claim for Bi-Lateral Hearing Loss. He was referred to the Hamilton County Veteran Service Officer.

Commander Bishop advised Chair Cleves that for future reference the American Legion has a designated representative at VA Hospital (Terri Crosswaite).

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported that :

- Expects that Bingo will be providing an estimated \$800 or \$900, or more to Charities, Inc. for October, depending on the this coming Sunday Bingo, which is the last Bingo for October, and also the last for the Bingo year. Appear to have a problem with splitting of Bingo packages by at least one attendee, which is against Bingo regulations, and is announced being illegal at each Bingo, and also is noted on the Bingo program. Actions being considered, should it be verified as occurring, will probably include, at minimum, the participants expulsion without a refund, and possible banning from future Bingos. Also considering a ticketing system to verify the purchase of the Bingo package that each participant has purchased.
- He needs to learn how put things on a Post Bingo facebook page.

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

- Dances: Advance sale of tickets for Halloween Dance is very small.
- Football-Mania: The sale of tickets is over, and we are at about \$1,100 net.
- 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: No report in absence of Chair Ken Knight.

House: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Alfieri, noted Alfieri had submitted a report as follows:

- White line painted along the Post's eastern property line will be restored by the striping contractor either today or Thursday.

- Yersky has check from Joe Sauter for his share of driveway/parking lot project, and will deposit same and issue checks to Quality and Black Dog.
- Traffic cones that are in the caged area with the dumpster will be picked up soon(?).
- Ed Sears has ordered the new lights for the monument sign.
- Sink in the kitchen has been repaired.
- We have been given the OK to sell or get rid of the Pin Ball machine in the club room. We feel it is not worth repairing and we might get a few bucks out of it. **E.C. approved disposal by E-Bay, Craigs List or any other means.**
- Recommends we dispose of the piano in the clubroom, as it is not used and is interfering with Euchre. If approved by the E.C. we will try to sell it. Following discussion, **E.C. directed that the piano be retained at this time, however, moved to a location in rental hall "A", in the alcove on east wall by single door, if it will fit.**
- Suggests consideration of moving one or two of the glass display cabinets in the club room to the "A" hall wall in the foyer. They have some great pieces inside and it should be shared with our guests. **Following discussion, E.C. indicated they wanted to maintain foyer as is, as the wall area referenced is used in conjunction with Post events and activities, and also there was concern of breakage of showcase glass panels.**

Internal / External Communications:

Chair Dan Wolfangel (External Communications) advised that:

- October 20th Dance was in the Eastside Press Calendar of Events on 10/10/18.
- October 27th (Halloween) Dance has been submitted for inclusion in calendar of events, and is pending publication.

Don Bishop (Internal Communications) advised or commented regarding:

- November Post Newsletter is being prepared.
- Still has room for submissions. Need by October 25th.

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

- Veteran Day's Color Guard Details currently scheduled for: November 7th – Parkside Church / November 8th – IHM School / November 9th – Anderson Senior Center / November 12th – Sherwood Elementary and Nagel Middle Schools. (Notices will be sent to all participating members).
- Other Veterans Day Activities currently scheduled are: November 9th - Mercer Elementary – Flag Classes (2) / November 12th - Sherwood Elementary - Various classroom and grade presentations.(Notices will be sent to all participating members).
- Jackets: Second jacket order is pending.

Commander Bishop suggested that we try to participate in Post 534's Pearl Harbor Ceremony on December 2nd, by sending a Post Color Guard, if possible. Discussion was also had regarding

as to whether we could include some of our "retired" flags in Post 534's Flag Retirement Ceremony on that same date.

Charities, Inc.: Don Bishop commented or noted:

- Poker Mania: Post and C.I. both made some money, but not as much as hoped for. (C.I = \$229.50 / Post = \$209.26). C.I will pay Post \$285 for hall rental fees. Texas Hold'Em was best contributing game at \$422. Still need an effective way to advertise and promote this event.

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:

Randy Lindsey noted there are issues with the dating of meat items utilized in kitchen. They are being dated when placed in the freezer, instead of when they are thawed out and placed in

refrigerator, which gives appearance that they could be outdated at the time they are utilized in the thawed condition.

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: