

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2020

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

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Acting Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, and indicated twelve (12) E.C. members present as noted below, which exceeded the required quorum of eight (8) E.C. Members.

Elected Officers

Commander		Chester Canter	X
1 st Vice Commander		Bob Kamman	E
2 nd Vice Commander		Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant		Ed Ruffennach	E
Finance Officer		Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms		Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain		Rob Heberly	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer		Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair		Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair		Ed Sears	X
Community Support Chair		Joe DuBois	X
Fund-Raising Chair		VACANT	V
House Chair		Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair		Ken Knight	X
Charities, Inc Liaison		Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant		Dan Wolfangel	X
Additional Attendees			
Past Chaplain		Jerry Porter	X

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the E.C. Meeting's Minutes, from July 29, 2020 were posted in E.C. Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. *Upon motion made (Don Bishop) to accept Minutes, and seconded (Bob Alfieri). Motion to approve passed unanimously.*

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: No review.:

Correspondence Log:

Info Regarding \$500 Credit Rebate on Liquor: Handled by Matt Lilly. Rebate claim filed.

Info on Post 484 Riders “Bike Night Event” - Sept 28, 2020: Copy posted on BB, and to Post Activities Chair.

“Hometown Heros Benefit” Flyer – Latitudes Bistro – Oct 18, 2020: Copy posted on BB.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided a written report for file, and recapped his August 26, 2020 EOM Finance Report as follows:

Checking First Financial	\$ 9,794.98
Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,920.00
Effective Balance	\$ 6,874.98

Savings First Financial	\$ 22,618.02
CD (13 mos)	\$ 10,084.71

Lindsey further noted that:

- Gain in checking of slightly less than \$600.
- CD gained \$42.91 interest payment.
- All bills currently paid, and still awaiting Liquor License renewal check to clear.
- Advised that Matt Lilly was successful in securing the \$500 liquor rebate.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS: The following open issues were discussed:

- Sports Memorabilia Rental Proposal: Event Coordinator Ken Knight advised that this rental proposal that had been discussed at the last E.C. Meeting had been withdrawn as they were no longer interested.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):

No new issues.

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

Membership: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Bob Kamman, advised Kamman had provided a written report for file, and noted the following items from Kamman's report:

- Quota for this year = 167.
- Currently paid / renewed – 106 (63.5% of needed quota).
- 4th District Membership Goals: 31% by 8/20/2020 (We have exceeded that).
60 % by 10/25/2020 (We have already surpassed that by 3.5%).
84 % by 11/17/2020 (Kamman's target is for us to be there by 10/25/2020).
- Address change for member Zane Bilwin (WWII Vet): Now at Forest Hills Care Center, 8700 Moran Rd, Room 1106, Cinti, 45244.

Post Activities: Chair Kirk Minnick noted that:

- He is working on plans for the Post Christmas Party on Saturday – December 12, 2020.
- He is looking forward as to when we can reintroduce after-meeting snacks to the Post Meetings.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Heberly advised no report.

Past Chaplain Jerry Porter noted that members Charles Stein and Bill Becker were recovering at home regarding medical issues, and Adjutant Ed Ruffennach was still in Christ Hospital. He also noted that Ken Knight's son, Steve, was in hospital as a result of being shot. Porter noted all should be remembered in our prayers.

Americanism: No report in absence of Chair Henkel.

Community Support & Recognition: Chair Joe DuBois advised he would be participating in a "AACC" virtual zoom meeting on Thursday – August 27, 2020., but had nothing else to report.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves advised no report.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears advised:

- Still needs more volunteers to assist with Bingo and cleanup after.
- August has been a relatively good month, and this coming Sunday will be the last Bingo of the month.
- Noted he had received a GFS credit rebate from the Fish Frys in amount of about \$56, and would probably use it on next trip to GFS.

Fund-Raising: The following was presented, in absence of a committee chair:

- Football-Mania: Finance Officer Lindsey provided a written report of activity to date on this program, noting 65 tickets sold to-date / \$1,300. collected / Cost to program to-date \$390. / Profit to-date \$725.. Also received \$175. in straight donations to the Post. Thus, the Profit, to-date, generated by the program is \$900.
- "Hometown Heros Benefit" for Post 318: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted the details and referenced the flyer that was posted on the BB. Requested SAA Ralph Caskey check with his Color Guard members for the event to determine how many would be staying for full event, so we can assure necessary table reservations at the Legion table (no charge). Believe all but possibly one VIP table are already sold out. Any one wishing to attend and reserve admission should contact Kerri Wolfangel, Event Coordinator as noted on posted flyer.
- Live Band / Dance Events: Don Bishop advised first event is this Saturday – August 29th, and currently has 46 tickets pre-sold. He still needs possibly one volunteer for this dance. He has all the bands scheduled for the remaining nine dances but one, and has two possibilities for that spot. He needs several persons to step up and fill the "Dance Lead" for these future dances, as he can't do every dance. He noted that the planning for the New Years Eve Gala Event is currently on hold due to COVID-19 restriction prohibiting alcohol sales after 10 PM, and 11PM closure, as well as other current restrictions.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight reported as follows:

- East Side Republican Club Rental – August 25th: Went well. Good attendance.
- "Remote Learning Center" Rental: Just started last week, but going OK. Currently have rental agreement through end of 2020. Currently have about fifteen students daily and expect to top out at around 20. Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised he has included a contact name and phone number for the "Remote Learning Center" on the Post answering machine, which should cut down on the Post having need to respond to calls regarding the "Remote Learning Center"
- Other than a golf league event on August 31st, he has no further pending rentals for balance of 2020 at this time.

House: Chair Bob Alfieri advised that we need help this weekend for cleanup/set up for dance on Saturday – August 29th at 1 PM, and for Bingo on Sunday August 30th at 2:30 PM.

Internal / External Communications:

- External: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised article regarding "Post 318 Awards Program" was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer Hometown Section, and copy was posted on BB. An article has also been submitted for the "Fall Live Band / Dance Schedule", and is pending publication.

- Internal / Newsletter: 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich advised anyone having an item for the September Post Newsletter to submit to him ASAP, and by Friday - August 28th.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Ralph Caskey advised he had delivered replacement American Flags to all FHSD schools.

Charities, Inc. (C.I.): Liaison Don Bishop noted or commented on following:

- Provided to E.C. Members, and commented on, a C.I. Finance Report as of 7/31/20, which indicated a balance of \$7,375.29 (as prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil). However, that balance is mostly committed and incumbered for recent programs. There is actual about \$200 available at this time.
- Provided to E.C. Members, and commented on a C.I. Budget Summary Report, showing projections for balance of 2020 and first half of 2021. He pointed out the significant loss of revenue and funds available for charitable programing funding. He advised he would continue to keep the E.C. advised of C.I financial status, and would looking for monthly direction of E.C. as to what programs any available C.I. Funds were to be utilized for. He pointed out what programs would normally occur in October and November, for E. C. to consider for available C.I. Funding. Will be reviewed, with updated figures again at September E.C. Meeting.
- Discussion was had regarding the Active Duty Gift Program and funding for the Post Christmas Party, and will continue in future months..

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:

Lack of Quorum at Post Meetings: SAA Ralph Caskey commented on the lack of a quorum to take officially take action on business at Post Meetings, noting that as our membership quotas increase, it is and will become increasingly more difficult to achieve a quorum. Discussion followed, with the belief that possibly promoting virtual attendance for some of our members may be an answer, especially during the current COVID-19 situation. Randy Lindsey advised he would set up a ZOOM connection for the next Post Meeting, and Kirk Minnich will publish the info in the September Post Newsletter, to see if that helps.

Friday Euchre: Randy Lindsey questioned if we should consider suspending Friday noon Euchre events due to the Learning Center being in operation. Discussion indicated that there should be no conflict or problems, as Euchre was in Clubroom, and the youth are in hall, and supervised at all times by adult staff.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Commander Canter, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Board Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel