

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2021

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7 PM, by Commander Lee Stegmann at Post 318. Matters addressed at the Executive Committee Meeting were:

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, and indicated ten (10) E.C. voting members present as noted below, which exceeded the required quorum of seven (7) E.C. Members.

Elected Officers

**Voting Member
(@ This Meeting)**

Commander		Lee Stegmann	X	X
1 st Vice Commander / Acting Commander		Bob Kamman	X	X
2 nd Vice Commander		Kirk Minnich	X	X
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent		Dan Wolfangel	X	X
Finance Officer		Randy Lindsey	X	X
Sgt-at-Arms		Ralph Caskey	E	
Chaplain / VAVS Coordinator		Jerry Porter	X	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer		Charlie Cleves	X	X
Americanism Chair		VACANT	V	
Bingo Chair		Ed Sears	X	X
Community Support Chair		VACANT	V	
Fund-Raising Chair		VACANT	V	
House Chair		Bob Alfieri	E	
Event Coord. Chair		Ken Knight	X	X
Charities, Inc Liaison		Don Bishop	X	X
Additional Attendees				
Ass't Finance Officer / Post Newsletter Editor		Joe DuBois	X	
Ass't SAA		Gary Gegorio	E	
Ass't Adjutant		Robert Carey	E	

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the E.C. Meeting's Minutes, from November 24, 2021 were posted in E.C. Minutes Binder, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on web-site. ***Motion made (Dan Wolfangel) to approve Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded (Bob Kamman), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: Any calendar revisions have been, or will be made. Adjutant Wolfangel recommended several change to Post Website "Home" page regarding modifying the "Post General Membership Meeting" reference and eliminating listing of dates for Post and E.C. Meeting. ***Wolfangel will notify Webmaster.***

Correspondence Log: Adjutant Wolfangel advised the following correspondence of consequence or requiring E.C. action, was received:

- Reminder Info on Dept of Ohio 2022 Mid-Winter Conference / Leadership Awards Banquet – Columbus, OH – (1/21/22 thru 1/23/22): **Info previously was send to all E.C. members prior to last E.C. meeting and posted on BB. No indicated interest in attendance at this time.**
- Solicitation from Hospice of Cincinnati (HOC) Navigators: Fund to be used toward, and for, veterans under HOC care. Following brief discussion, and request for Service Officer Cleves to investigate request, **a Motion (Don Bishop) was made to table request until January E.C. Meeting following Cleves report. Motion seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed unanimously.**
- Solicitation from Joseph House: **Following discussion, and Don Bishop's indication that C.I. generally makes a donation to Joseph House at the end of C.I. fiscal year, no action was taken at this time.**
- Brown Jug Party and Brown Jug Shirt Availability: Free Party 2/26/22 – 4 PM to 7 PM – Post 318. Shirts available for purchase at \$32 to \$38 depending on size, and must be ordered by 12/31/21. **Posted on BB.**
- Two Mailings from Omni Agent Solutions Regarding Boy Scouts Bankruptcy: **Commander Stegmann agreed to review for any relevancy to Post 318 in light of our Troop 519 disbanding.**
- Notice from Ohio Secretary of State for Filing Notice of Continued Existence of Post 318 Corporation: Wolfangel noted required every 5 years, at a cost of \$25, and he files it as Corporation Statutory Agent. F.O. Lindsey advised OK to use Post 318 credit card for payment. **Wolfangel will handle filing on-line.**
- Info on Post 484 Legion Riders Sponsored “Rummage Sale / Swap Meet” - 2/26/22 -10 AM to

2 PM: Posted on BB.

Outgoing Correspondence by Adjutant.

- Donation Acknowledgment to Christine Moore (daughter of Don Bishop) for \$500 donation to Post.
- Donation Acknowledgment to member Gary Gregorio for donation of \$25 (winnings from Football-Mania).
- Donation Acknowledgment to member Adrienne Prem for donation of \$3,000 to Post.
- Letter of Appreciation to A/T Government for support of Anderson area veterans through the Veterans Day Event.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey submitted written financial report, as of December 29, 2021, as to Post income and expenses. Lindsey further noted:

1) We will not be receiving a sales tax refund on the purchase of the new Bingo Machine, as previously reported by Lindsey at November E.C. Meeting. This is due to Post being a 501-C-19, as opposed to a 501-C-3, thus not eligible for sales tax exemption. 2) Noted received a check from Dept of Ohio for our share of dues paid on-line. Noted that in future such financial transactions with Dept of Ohio will be automated with regards to deposits and deductions regarding Post checking account. 3) All Post bills are currently paid.

Following the review of submitted report, Adjutant advised that a copy would be placed on file along with this E.C. Meeting Minutes in E.C. Minutes binder in Post Club Room, for individual review, or may be provided upon individual request. .

OPEN ISUES/ OLD BUSINESS:

Post Sponsored Event Pre-Approved Beverage Purchase Policy: In response to discussion at November E.C. Meeting regarding developing a policy as to the appropriate way to handle events or incidents where Post 318 desires to provide complimentary beverages for guests or events, since we cannot legally provide free alcoholic drinks, Adjutant Wolfangel presented a draft policy, which had been distributed in advance to E.C. for review. Following discussion and one change in wording, **a Motion (Jerry Porter) was made to adopt presented draft policy as amended. Motion seconded (Don Bishop), and passed unanimously. Will be presented to Post Membership at regular meeting on January 12, 2022.**

S.A.L Squadron Formation: Adjutant Wolfangel indicated we appear to have enough support from outside the Post and internally within Post (dual members) to proceed further with efforts to charter such a squadron, and he was suggesting that we set an “S.A.L. Information Meeting” for Tuesday – 1/25/22 at 7 PM for attendance by prospective

members, and interested Post members. *E.C. concurred with scheduling the Info Meeting. Wolfangel to send out invites and coordinate meeting.* Wolfangel also noted that we will need a Post member volunteer to serve as Liaison to the S.A.L. Squadron and provide oversight.

Boy Scout Troop Disbanding Issue: Randy Lindsey gave a status report on disbanding of Troop 519, noting that he, Kirk Minnich, and Joe Baker had met with necessary Troop 519 administration officers, and that we now have the title to Troop's trailer and it is estimated that they will be turning over about \$700 in Troop's remaining funds. Still awaiting trailer lock key and Post security access card(s).

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS : None.

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman reported :

- So far we have approximately 167 Post Memberships (New / Renewals / Transfers / PUFLs), toward our Post Quota of 169.
- Noted there were discrepancies between 4th District, Dept of Ohio and Nation membership records, and he was working to reconcile.
- Still have 6 members not renewed for 2022 year.
- Will be making a concentrated effort to assure that we reach quota by December 31st.

Post Activities: Chair Kirk Minnich noted following:

- Post "Social Saturday" Event Scheduling: Noted that he and Randy Lindsey were proposing a set schedule of six Post Social Events, to be held the 3rd Saturday of even months over the year, so members could plan to attend, and would hopefully provide incentive for some younger members to get involved in Post activities.

Upon Motion (Kirk Minnich) made to adopt the proposed Post Social Saturday schedule of event dates, and second (Jerry Porter), motion passed unanimously. Ken Knight was requested to block out the following dates on Post Calendar: 2/19/22; 4/16/22; 6/18/22; 8/20/22; 10/15/22; 12/17/22 (Christmas Party).

- February 19, 2022 Social Saturday Event: Will be a Chili Cook-Off.
- Post 318 Hosting HCC Monthly Meeting: Wednesday – February 2, 2022.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Jerry Porter commented on members recuperating from knee surgeries, or dealing with cancer. Porter further advised VAVS is still on hold.

Americanism: (Chair is currently vacant) Jerry Porter noted that he believe Paul Henkle will still be handling the BB&GS Program. Porter advised he will be meeting with several students shortly for possible Oratorical Competition Program. If we have both he will be scheduling a Post level competition. If only one participating, will probably hold it in conjunction with January 12th Post Meeting

Support & Recognition: (Chair is currently vacant)

Law & Order Program: Dan Wolfangel, Law & Order Program Chair, advised he has FFOY and LOOY nominations from both ATFD and HCSD-D5, and has been in touch with Jerry Perry (4th District) regarding submission.

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

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears comments on following:

- Reviewed his monthly Bingo written report, which will be filed with the Meeting Minutes.
- Commented on logistics of attempting to sell the old Bingo Console, noting he was meeting with member Eric Franz to list for sale on face book for \$1,000.
- Noted has received a temporary Bingo License, and expects permanent shortly.
- Noted Bingo License relative to sale of Pull-Tabs increased significantly due to level of sales last year.
- Noted some Bingo supplies have increased considerably.
- Bingo will continue to be held on Sundays, and will not move to Mondays.

Fund-Raising: (Chair is currently vacant.)

Auction of "HH II" Surplus Silent Auction Baskets: Wolfangel advised that there is still \$250 outstanding relative to the two baskets were auctioned off at the A/T Veterans Day event. Efforts are underway to collect same.

Football Mania: Randy Lindsey noted that we are 16 weeks into Football-Mania program, with 1 week left. So far we have had 18 winners for a total of \$450. We also have had 16 winners in the tickets that went unsold, that would have amounted to \$975, one of which was a \$400 winner.

NYE Gala Party: Don Bishop advised that 121 advance tickets have been sold, and further noted that at this time only he and two additional members have volunteered to staff the event, and he seriously needs more volunteers.

Christmas Variety Show – 12/18/21: Don Bishop advised was very successful with 198 tickets sold. Event netted Post about \$2,630. He thanked he volunteers that staffed event.

Post Lenten Fish Fry: Bishop presented menu and cost figures for the upcoming 2022 Fish Fry activities, which were reviewed by Marketing Committee, and referred to E.C. for approval to proceed with preparation for event. He noted there was good chance of change in the supply pricing before event that may require some changes. ***Upon Motion (Don Bishop) to adopt the current menu and pricing presented, with understanding some additional consideration may be necessary should prices increase significantly. Motion seconded (Dan Wolfangel), and passed unanimously.***

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight, noted he currently only has one future rental for October of 2022. He noted he was in discussion with a Don Wegman who wished to rent the hall for two hours once a month for a Constitutional event, but was looking for a gratis use, or discount. ***E.C concurred that there would be no gratis use, and only discount would be if he was eligible for Post membership, and became a member.***

House: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Alfieri, noted that Alfieri had nothing to report.

Internal / External Communications:

- External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised media releases to Enquirer regarding the Christmas Variety Show and the New Years Eve Gala had both been published.
- Internal / Newsletter: Post Newsletter Editor Joe DuBois, advised needed all submissions by December 30th.

Uniform Ceremonies: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Ralph Caskey, noted the following from Caskey:

- Joseph House Items: If there is an abundance of Joseph House stuff in club room, someone might wish to deliver it. If not, he will get it in February.

Charities, Inc. (C.I.): Liaison Don Bishop advised no report.

Marketing Committee: Next meeting is 1/19/22.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

4th District Issues / Concerns: Commander Stegmann questioned as to whether the Post had a "Buddy Check" program in place, as was being referenced in emails from Jerry Perry (4th District) He was advised ours was informal effort, in that contacts were made by Membership Chair and Chaplain as necessary, needed, or where there was concern.

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

Good of Legion: None.

Further Business:

Adjournment of Meeting:

Commander Stegmann, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Board Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 PM.