

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

[Note: This meeting was conducted physically at Post 318, with virtual capability via ZOOM access.]

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

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted virtual roll call, and indicated eleven (11) E.C. members present (10 physically / 1 ZOOM) 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	X
2 nd Vice Commander		Kirk Minnich	E
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent		Dan Wolfangel	X
Finance Officer		Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms		Ralph Caskey	X (Z)
Chaplain		Rob Heberly	E

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer		Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair		Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair		Ed Sears	X
Community Support Chair		VACANT	V
Fund-Raising Chair		VACANT	V
House Chair		Bob Alfieri	X
Event Coord. Chair		Ken Knight	X
Charities, Inc Liaison		Don Bishop	X

Additional Attendees

VAVS Coord.		Jerry Porter	X
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X = Present (Z) via ZOOM

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the E.C. Meeting's Minutes, from January 27, 2021 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. *Motion made (Bob Kamman) to approve Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded (Don Bishop), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.*

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: Nothing new to review.

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

- National American Legion “Continuous Membership Certificates” for: Tom Prem (50 YR), James Clark (50 YR); and Zenon Bilwin (70 YR): *E.C. directed they be held for presentation at Post's Annual Award and Recognition Program*

MISCELLANEOUS ADJUTANT ITEMS: Adjutant Wolfangel advised:

- Memorial Bible for deceased member Robert Puthoff had been prepared and provided to Service Officer Cleves who will arrange to present to family.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided a written report for file, and recapped his 2/24/21 Finance Report as follows:

Checking First Financial	\$ 10,499.49
Outstanding Checks	\$ 385.01
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,496.86
Effective Balance	\$ 8,617.62
Savings First Financial	\$ 92,302.46
CD (13 mos)	\$ 10,171.14
Total Funds Balance	\$ 111,091.22

Lindsey further noted that:

- All bills current and paid.
- Vontz's Insurance beneficiary payout (\$ 50,163.04) was received and deposited in Savings Account.
- 13 Month C.D. matures on 3/14/21, and will have earned Post \$ 141, 14 in interest at terms end.
- Lindsey proposed we invest \$ 25,000 in another 13 month CD, at a current available rate of 2% interest.
Following discussion, and upon a Motion made (Don Bishop) to invest a total of \$ 45,000 in a 13 month CD, upon expiration and payout on the current CD period, and upon a second (Jerry Porter), motion passed unanimously. Lindsey to meet with 1st Financial Bank to handle transaction.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:

Process for Voting on Approval / Adoption of Revisions and Amendments to Post 318 Constitution and By-Laws: Adjutant Wolfangel advised the following notification and voting process on this matter. The proposed revisions and amendments, as recommended by the E.C. at their January 27, 2021 meeting will be voted on at the March 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting. In accordance with notification provisions of Constitution and By-Laws, a notice to all members advising of vote to be taken at the March Meeting, and of the availability of copies of the proposed revisions / amendments for review prior to meeting's vote, will be sent out on February 25th, via MailChimp. Members may request electronic copy of changes through contacting Adjutant, or view physical copies in Post Clubroom.

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS :

Interest in Formation of Post 318 “Sons of American Legion (SAL)” Squadron: Adjutant Wolfangel advised there seems to be some interest in the formation of a Post SAL. He has done some preliminary exploration, but was bringing the issue to the E.C., to see if there was any interest and support for pursuing such a formation. *Following discussion, a Motion (Dan Wolfangel) was made to further explore the feasibility and likelihood of success in such formation. Motion was seconded (Randy Lindsey), and passed unanimously.*

Rental of Post Parking Spaces by OrthoCincy: Ken Knight presented a proposal from OrthoCincy Medical facility (located on Royal Green Drive to the west of Post 318) for the rental of 20 parking spaces in rear of Post 318, for use

of OrthoCincy's staff. Proposal parking would be for at least three months, but could be longer. Rental rates would be \$10 per space, per month. It is proposed that we would designate the 20 spaces, and reserve them for OrthoCincy staff by posting signage and numbering of the designated spaces, reserving their usage for staff, Monday through Friday, from 7 AM to 5 PM. ***Following discussion, and upon Motion made (Ken Knight) to enter into the agreement based upon the proposal, and seconded (Bob Alfieri), motion passed unanimously.***

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman reported:

- With three applications just received at this meeting, are at 168, one over quota, and have potentially two more Post 888 transfers coming in.
- Noted this is our 14 straight year of making quota, and second consecutive year of exceeding our previously all time high of 165.

Post Activities: Chair Kirk Minnich was not present for a report, however. Randy Lindsey indicated Minnich had emailed him regarding setting a Marketing Meeting on Tuesday - March 16th.

Chaplain/VAVS: Jerry Porter, in absence of Chaplain Heberly, advised nothing to report that he knew of.

Americanism: Jerry Porter, in absence of Chair Henkel, advised that Henkel, currently had two girl candidates for Girls State Program, and was coordinating with schools (Dave Kammerer) for additional attendees, up to a total of six attendees or \$1,800 in fees.

Community Support & Recognition: (Chair is currently vacant)

- **Law & Order Awards Program:** L & O Program Coordinator Dan Wolfangel noted that Post nominees for LOOY (Deputy Andrew Caddell) and FFOY (Battalion Chief Christopher Kasperczyk) had both been selected as HCC's FFOY and LOOY, and were to be recognized as such at the March 3rd HCC Meeting, being held at Post 534 (Riverside). Wolfangel advised he would be attending, and Jerry Porter advised he would attend also.
- **Hometown Heroes II Benefit Recognition Program:** Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the Recognition Program / Presentations for the benefit's promoters and volunteers, that was held at Latitudes Bar & Bistro on Thursday – February 18th, went well. He noted that he, Don Bishop, Jerry Porter and Ed Sears (accompanied by spouses) attended and represented the Post.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charles Cleves advised that he had contact with female veteran, who had left message on Post phone, who needed some financial assistance, however, at the time he was unsure if we had any funds available for such assistance. Don Bishop advised that while none was currently allocated. Charities, Inc (C.I.) had up to about \$300 that could be made available at this time. Cleves indicated he would check as to whether her request was legit, and how much she needed. If he found the need to be creditable and reasonable, he will prepare a summary of his request for assistance and submit to Adjutant for solicitation of an email vote of E.C., to fund the request.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears advised:

- Noted one Bingo left in February. Had 47 attendees at last Sunday's Bingo.
- Still needs volunteers to work, as many of the usual volunteers won't work until they receive COVID vaccination.

Fund-Raising: (Chair is currently vacant.) Adjutant Wolfangel advised that Joe Baker, Euchre Coordinator, was considering re-opening of Euchre on Thursday evenings, (7 to 10 PM) and due to social distancing requirements, would like conduct the Euchre sessions in Rental Hall "B", and was seeking E.C. approval. ***Following discussion, E.C. had no objections to request, however, would need to be coordinated with Post Calendar and Ken Knight, as any rentals would have priority over the Euchre use.***

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight, noted following:

- **AARP Tax Prep Hall Rental:** Indicated they would probably not be starting until second week of March. Would still be on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Remote Learning Center Rental: Noted that they are still holding on, but he don't know for how long, due to current lower participation in the Learning Center.
- Scout Awards Program Rental: Advised he had a Cub Scout rental for Thursday – February 26th, from 7 to 9 PM. (This was originally for February 18th, however, was canceled due to weather).
- Submarine Group Rental Inquiry: Advised he understands they are still interested, but noting decided as yet..
- AYSN Catering Kitchen Rental (Tammy): Agreement has been extended for another year.

House: Chair Bob Alfieri

- New Kitchen Flat-Top Griddle: Advised that have purchased a new flat-top griddle unit for kitchen. Plan on installing on Friday.
- Sanitation Fogger Obtained: Advised that Jerry Porter has donated a fogging device that can be used for sanitizing areas. Noted have located sanitizing agent that can be used in fogger to fog kitchen area also, without jeopardizing food service.

Internal / External Communications:

- External: Adjutant Wolfangel advised nothing to report.
- Internal / Newsletter: No report in 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich's absence.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Ralph Caskey advised via email that he had no Uniform Ceremonies activities to report, and he would be taking clothing and items donations to Joseph House as necessary.

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

- He provided E.C. Members with, and commented on and explained, a C.I. Budget Summary as of February 2021 (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil and Bishop) for purposes of updating E.C., as to C.I.'s financial situation, and determination of what programs the E.C. might wish to fund from the very limited C.I. funding available. He predicted that currently it is estimated that there is around \$ 6,000 plus funding available for allocation to 2021 Programs (through June 2021, some of which is encumbered already.
- Noted Bingo has already exceeded it's projected contributions to C.I., by about \$2,000 for the current budget year.
- He also noted that C.I. was continuing to receive \$ 20 to \$ 40 per month in “Your Cause” donations (actual donors unknown), indicating it all helps, no matter how little it may seem.
- Advised that pending programs for consideration of March funding would be Joseph House (\$ 300); Fisher House (\$ 300); and Gifts for Yanks (\$ 332), and funds are available to cover these Programs in amount of \$ 932. *Upon Motion made (Don Bishop), to approve the encumbrance of \$ 932 to cover these three programs, and a second (Ed Sears), the Motion passed unanimously.*

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns: Previous notation of HCC recognizing Post 318's Law & Order Program nominees as their HCC nominees on March 3rd at Post 534 (Riverside).

4th District Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report.

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report.

Good of Legion:

Post Wi-Fi Status: Bob Kamman asked about the status of upgrading the Post Wi-Fi router. Randy Lindsey advised he is still working with Cinti Bell Fiopics on the update, which has so far been unsatisfactory. He is continuing to work on it.

Further Business:

Adjournment of Meeting:

Commander Canter, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Board Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel