

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Meeting conducted: ___Physical Only, X Physical and Virtual

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM at the Post by Commander Lee Stegmann. Matters addressed at the Executive Committee Meeting were:

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Adjutant Dan Wolfangel conducted roll call, and indicated twelve (12) E.C. members present as noted below, which exceeded the required quorum of seven (7) E.C. Members. **Physical (11), Virtual (1)**

Elected Officers

**Voting Member
Present this Meeting**

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	Z	Z
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	X	X
Chaplain	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	X	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	X	X
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X	X

E.C. Alternates

Ass't Finance Officer/(Post Newsletter Editor)	Joe DuBois	X	
Ass't Sgt-at-Arms	Gary Gregorio	A	
Ass't Adjutant	Robert Carey	X	

Additional Attendees

X = Present E = Excused (Prior Notice) A = Absent V = Vacant Z = Virtual Attendance

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the E.C. Meeting's Minutes, from January 26, 2022 were posted in E.C. Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***Motion made (Bob Alfieri) to accept and approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded (Ed Sears), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich reviewed Post calendar as to upcoming events. He noted:

- Fish Frys are scheduled on consecutive Fridays beginning March 4 and concluding April 15.
- Karaoke events are scheduled on Thursday nights beginning March 3.
- The calendar is up to date.

Correspondence Log: Adjutant Wolfangel advised and commented on action taken on following items of correspondence since last meeting:

Incoming Correspondence:

- Info from Dept of Ohio Commander regarding “Compliancy with Gaming Company Agreements and Licensing: Currently does not involve us as we do not have electronic gaming machines. ***Posted on BB.***
- Info from Dept of Ohio regarding:
 - Info and Invitation regarding upcoming “Post Service Officer Training Session” - September 17, 2022 - Columbus, OH. ***Charlie Cleves stated he will decide if he will attend.***
 - Sample Membership Renewal Post Card.
 - Resolution #R20-18 to be offered at 2022 Department Convention regarding amending Department By-Laws -Article IV (Discipline).
 - Copy of Dept of Ohio “Uniform Code for the Conduct of Disciplinary Proceedings”.***All items sent via FYI email to all E.C. members and Posted on BB.***
- Solicitation from “Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation”: Non-Profit out of Pennsylvania whose mission is to sending children with Life-Threatening Illnesses on their Life's Dream Hunting or Fishing trip. *Don Bishop reviewed the state of the Charities, Inc. treasury, existing donation and spending commitments, and the flow of funds. Motion made (Bob Alfieri) to shelve this matter. Motion seconded (Randy Lindsey), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.*
- Donation Acknowledgment from Hospice of Cincinnati for \$100 Donation made from C.I. Funds: ***Copy posted on BB and sent to C.I. Treasurer Geil.***
- A communication from Andrew Stump of Post 72 soliciting donations for a new local chapter of “Heroes on the Water” which provides outdoor recreational therapy for veterans, first responders, and their families. ***Motion made (Don Bishop) to decline to donate at this time. Motion seconded (Randy Lindsey), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.***
- Email communication from Christen Bailey, owner of “Sweets and Meats”, inquiring if the Post would co-cost a Fathers’ Day celebration this year. ***Kirk Minnich will follow-up with Sweets and Meats for more details.***
- Email from Hamilton County Council 1st Vice George Thornton reporting that our nominee for law enforcement officer of the year is the winner at the county level and will be forwarded to District, but our nominee for fire fighter of the year has not been forwarded. ***No action required.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

None

Misc. Adjutant Items:

None

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided a written report for file, and recapped his February 23, 2022 EOM Finance Report.

FO Lindsey further noted that:

- Due to the actual cost of Commander Stegmann's attendance at the Ohio Midwinter Conference exceeding the budgeted amount of \$500 each for three attendees, he will increase the allowance to \$750 each for two attendees in next year's budget. The balance on the two \$500 gift cards has been used to purchase supplies for the Fish Frys. *The EC will further discuss budgeting the allowances for officers to attend this and other conferences.*

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 ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:

- Adjutant Wolfangel reported Eric Franz plans to furnish and install up to 8 security cameras instead of 4, all at no cost to the Post. Eric and House Chair will develop a proposal of camera locations.
- FO Lindsey will meet with Cincinnati Bell regarding our rates for internet and TV cable expansion into the rental hall, not to exceed \$200 per month.
- Adjutant Wolfangel gave a status report of the SAL formation: He is working with the other members of the SAL Advisory Committee (Tony Capetillo, Joe Dubois, Charlie Cleves) to schedule the organizational meeting. The Post Business Plan will need to be revised to include SAL Post representation and SAL function; however the Post Constitution and By-Laws will not need to be revised. The Advisory meeting will discuss:
 - the SAL Constitution and By-Laws
 - the dues amount (\$10 minimum)
 - SAL officer positions to be filled until the first SAL officer election is held
 - SAL access and usage of the Post
 - schedule of SAL meetings
 - time, date and agenda for the first Squadron meeting
 - how information, reports, and approvals between the Squadron and the EC should flow

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):

Adjutant Wolfangel reviewed the procedures for the Post Nomination Committee:

- To be appointed, per Constitution and By-Laws, by Commander at March Post Meeting.
- Nominating Committee Chair submits report to Adjutant by April Post Meeting.
- Adjutant reads slate of nominees at April Post Meeting / calls for nominations from the floor / closes nominations.
- Notice of Election and Candidates for offices made to Post membership a minimum of 10 days prior to May Post Meeting.
- Election held at May Post Meeting.
- Installation of Officer at June Post Meeting.

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman reported the following:

- We have 166 Post members paid, which is 98.2% of our 2022 quota of 169; our goal is 170.
- 6 Post members still have not renewed their membership. In accordance with Constitution Article III Section 4 their access key cards will be de-activated.
- 17 advance paid members still have not reimbursed the Post and have not received their 2022 membership cards.
- Efforts, by various means, are continuing to be made to get these individuals to send in their renewals.

Post Activities: Chair Kirk Minnich reported:

- The Fish Frys start next week, March 4.
- The Fitch High School patriotic musical performance is April 20. Kirk will advise Posts 484 and 72 of the event, inviting their members attendance, and advising that they need to let him know how many sign up to attend. The total attendance should be limited to 200. The bar will be open.
- A Post Social is in April.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Porter gave his report on ill and recuperating Post members.

Americanism: (VACANT) Chaplain Porter reported the following:

- Oratorical Contest: At the 4th District competition, there were 3 students from the Mason Post, and the contestant from the Sharonville Post. The Sharonville contestant came in second by one point.
- Fish Frys: We are ready to go; the worker slots are being filled. All workers are encouraged to be here for the first week at least to get familiar with the duties. Our pricing is comparable with other fish frys in the area.
- Buckeye Boys and Girls State: He and Rick Wise interviewed two kids today; we have two boys and six girls. More interviews are scheduled. We plan to sponsor three boys and three girls.

Community Support & Recognition: (Vacant)

Don Bishop noted he needs someone to help coordinate the Anderson Township Memorial Bell Ceremony; Kirk Minnich offered his help.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Charlie Cleves had no report.

Bingo: Chair Ed Sears reported:

- Both February bingos were well attended, 60 or more.
- Points earned from buying pull-tabs are almost enough to buy two \$50 gift cards (Home Depot and Lowe's).
- We do not see the need to have electronic bingo at this time.
- Our bingo is well received by the attendees; they like our hall and our consistency in running the games.
- Don Bishop volunteered to be the candy person this Sunday.

A discussion was held concerning opening the bar to the public and installing electronic bingo to increase income to the Post, similar to what other Posts are doing. Don Bishop noted that our 501c19 (non-profit veteran organization) status could be lost if we open the bar to the public, and we would no longer be exempt from income tax. Our IRS status allows the club room to serve members, and guests by event.

Fund-Raising: (Vacant)

- FO Lindsey reported he has the Charity Mania tickets to distribute. The tickets can now be purchased electronically, which could save about \$200 in postage, printing, etc. We typically get about \$500 worth of tickets back from mailings. About \$300 of tickets have already been sold without any mailings. March 14 will be the deadline for returning tickets if they are mailed.
- Dan Wolfangel gave a Karaoke update. The DJ has changed, but that should not affect the success of the event. Dan will meet with the DJ here tomorrow. He is seeking someone to help coordinate the event each week. Mike will be the primary bartender, with Steve Stuntz his backup. Karaoke starts March 3 at 7:30-11:00.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight reported:

Hall Rentals: We have a rental March 5, two on March 19, one on March 26, and one in October.

House: Chair Bob Alfieri reported:

- Reminded anyone who is the last one to leave to please check the building (heat, water, lights, locks). He will post a new laminated building checkout sheet.
- He has moved the Boy Scout materials and equipment into the trailer.

Internal / External Communications:

- **External:** (Wolfangel) Media releases have been sent to Enquirer on Fish Frys and Karaoke.
- **Internal / Newsletter:** Editor Dubois called for newsletter articles to be submitted promptly for the next issue, preferably as email text, although sending as a doc is OK. Do not send as PDF. March 26 is the submittal deadline this month. We send hardcopy newsletters to only about 17 people now.

Uniform Ceremonies: SAA Caskey reported:

- Today is the anniversary of Iwo Jima.
- He will make the next delivery to Joseph House in March.
- The TQL flag has been disposed.
- Gifts for Yanks is at about \$90; the target is at least \$500.

Charities, Inc. (C.I.): (Bishop)

Chair Bishop reported the Poppy Days program is still up in the air. He is communicating with Forest Hills Schools and Kroger about taking the program into their facilities.

Marketing: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich noted the next Marketing Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16.

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns:

None

4th District Issues / Concerns:

None

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns:

None

Good of Legion:

No report

Further Business:

None

Adjournment of Meeting:

Commander Stegmann, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Committee Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 PM.

Prepared by: Bob Carey
Ass't Adjutant Post 318