

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 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 nine (9) E.C. voting members present as noted below, which exceeded the required quorum of six (6) 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	A	
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent		Dan Wolfangel	X	X
Finance Officer		Randy Lindsey	X	X
Sgt-at-Arms		Ralph Caskey	X	X
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	E	
Charities, Inc Liaison		Don Bishop	X	X
Additional Attendees				
Ass't Finance Officer / Post Newsletter Editor		Joe DuBois	A	

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 October 27,2021 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 (Randy Lindsey) to approve Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded (Jerry Porter), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.***

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW: Any necessary revisions have been made.

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

- Solicitation from Journey Home Veteran Shelter (Indiana): ***Declined contributing due to local needs.***
- Ohio A.L. Bowling Tournament – 2/2/22 thru 3/6/22 – Sandusky, OH: ***Posted on BB.***
- Info on Dept of Ohio 2022 Mid-Winter Conference / Leadership Awards Banquet – Columbus, OH – (1/21/22 thru 1/23/22): ***Info was send to all E.C. members prior to meeting. No indicated interest in attendance at this time. Posted on BB.***
- Reminder of Pearl Harbor Event – Post 534 – 12/5/22: ***Posted on BB.***
- Dept of Ohio Info on 2022 Buckeye Boys State Program: ***Emailed out to concerned Post personnel. Porter and Lindsey will interview any candidates via zoom, and will work with Paul Henkle on program.***
- Dept of Ohio General Administrative Mailing Packet: ***Info was send to all E.C. members prior to meeting for review. It was noted that the Dept of Ohio Staff Directory and the National Legion Events Calendar would be posted in Office for use by any and all, as needed.***

Outgoing Correspondence by Adjutant.

- Letter of Appreciation to A/T Public Works for assistance with replacing Post flag pole rope.
- Letter of Appreciation to A/T Fire Department for AED and CPR Training provided to Post
- Donation Acknowledgment to The Lounge for Christmas Show Program book advertisement. (\$100).
- The Anderson Care Center for donation to Post of numerous pies.

Misc Adjutant Action:

- OAG Annual Charitable Registration Report filing completed on 11/8/21. (\$200 fee).

It was suggested that Adjutant send Letter of Appreciation to A/T Government for support of Anderson area veterans through the Veterans Day Event held at our Post. Adjutant will prepare and sent.

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Randy Lindsey, presented Lindsey's submitted written financial report, as of November 24, 2021, as to Post income and expenses. Lindsey had further noted:

- 1) Bingo Machine was purchased at a cost of \$10,995.38. We mistakenly were charged Ohio State Tax, in amount of \$795.58. Since we are tax-free, necessary paperwork has been filed for return of tax, which will ultimately be credited to our Post's state bingo account.
- 2) 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.

Lindsey had raised a question as to the appropriate way to handle events or incidents where Post 318 desire to provide complimentary beverages for guests or events, since we cannot legally provide free alcoholic drinks. The current event in question was the Hometown Heroes Recognition Event, in which \$102 in complimentary drinks were provided. ***Since there were funds budgeted for the event, it was decided that would be a charge back to that event, upon Motion (Randy Lindsey), and second (Don Bishop), Motion passed unanimously to do so. Further discussion was had regarding formulation of a Post policy for similar incidents going forward. Randy Lindsey and Dan Wolfangel will collaborate on a draft policy for review at next E.C Meeting.***

OPEN ISSUES/ OLD BUSINESS:

Mission Blue Grant: Randy Lindsey advised that the Post would be eligible for a \$1,000 one time grant, and the necessary application will be filed by February 2022 deadline.

Crime / Fidelity Bond Insurance Issue: Don Bishop reported that matter has been resolved, and the coverage, required by National Legion, is provided by our Post insurance company.

Auction of "HH III" Surplus Silent Auction Baskets: Wolfangel advised that the two baskets were auctioned off at the A/T Veterans Day event, netting total of \$450. (\$200 turned over to F.O. \$250 pending collection).

Boy Scout Troop Disbanding / BSA Bankruptcy Issue: Following considerable discussion, on both items, *it was directed that Lindsey, Scouting Coordinator Joe Baker, Commander Stegmann and necessary Troop 519 administration officers, meet to develop an agreed upon disbandment procedure, attempt to clarify any issues of dispute, and if not resolvable, may need securing legal counsel., and to report back at next E.C. Meeting.*

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS :

Appointment of Assistant Adjutant: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that member Robert Carey had indicated interest in ultimately seeking the Post Adjutant position either by appointment or election, in light of Wolfangel requesting to step down from position. *Having met with Carey, Wolfangel suggests, recommends, and made Motion that Carey be appointed as Ass't Adjutant to shadow and learn duties, with appointment or election to position to follow, which ever is most practical. Motion Seconded (Ralph Caskey), and passed unanimously.* Carey will immediately start serving as Post Ass't Adjutant.

Oratorical Program: Jerry Porter advised that there appears at this time to only be one student interested in participating in Oratorical Program. He recommends that if no more interest occurs, the local Post review be conducted at a Post General Meeting. If we have more than one, he will proceed with scheduling a time for all to make presentations, and be judged by Post to establish a Post winner to proceed to further levels of competition.

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman reported :

- So far we have approximately 166 Post Memberships (New / Renewals / Transfers / PUFLs), 98% of our Post Quota of 169.
- He expects we are on target to exceed our quota this year. He provided the E.C. with an updated list of those members from 2020-2021 which have not yet renewed for 2021-2022, asking E.C. members to contact anyone they could on list, as he has already sent multiple request for renewals.

Post Activities: No report in Chair Kirk Minnich's absence.

Chaplain/VAVS: Chaplain Jerry Porter, noted that Gary Gregorio is recuperating, but will be out of service for about 8 wee ks. Porter further advised VAVS is still on hold.

Americanism: (Chair is currently vacant) Jerry Porter previously reported in this meeting on BBS and Oratorical Programs.

Support & Recognition: (Chair is currently vacant) No report.

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.

Fund-Raising: (Chair is currently vacant.)

Live Band / Dance Event: Don Bishop advised the remaining December 4th Slow Burn Dance had been canceled. At last Marketing Meeting, it was decided to not schedule Spring Band season. *E.C concurred with this decision.*

NYE Gala Party: Don Bishop advised he had discussed possible cancellation with Cincy Rockers, and they are requesting that we keep it open for now. *Dan Wolfangel to send out Media Release ASAP to attempt to stimulate sales.*

Christmas Variety Show – 12/18/21: Don Bishop advised 144 tickets sold so far, generating \$2,680 gross, and Bob Kamman advised of an additional \$750 in program ads.

Post Lenten Fish Fry: Planning for 2022 Fish Fry activities is continuing, with Jerry Porter coordinating. More info to be forthcoming as developed.

Event Coordination: Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Ken Knight, noted from Knight's submitted report that he currently had four rentals scheduled: 11/30/21; 12/7/21 (two separate events); and 12/11/21. Rental for a Antique Auction on 12/7/21 was requesting posting on Post Monument Sign for the week before. ***E.C. OKed request.*** Wolfangel will post.

House: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chair Alfieri, noted from Alfieri's submitted report, that:

- Lights Timer Repair: SECO will be responding to repair timer controlling lights on roof sign , and also repair security system faults.

Internal / External Communications:

- External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised he had submitted a media release to Enquirer regarding the Christmas Variety Show, which has been published in Enquirer Hometown, and should still be published Eastside Press, Will be submitting Media release for New Years Eve Gala.
- Internal / Newsletter: No report in absence of Post Newsletter Editor, Joe DuBois.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on:

- Gifts for Yanks (GFY) Program: Noted accepting donations to the GFY. All contributions of \$5 or more for GFY will get your name on Poster in club room. This year GFY collection period will go through end of April 2022.
- Nagel Middle School 8th Grade Veteran Day Request: Advised that a group of Post members had met with a teacher, and mother of a 8th grade student, to answer questions from the students. All went well, and it was taped, and we are supposed to get a copy.
- Joseph House Items: Deliver will be made either December 6th or 7th.

Caskey advised he will be out of service due to knee replacement surgery as of December 8th. Thus, neither he (as SAA and Uniform Chair), nor Ass't SAA Gregorio will be available for any Color / Honor Guard details.

Charities, Inc. (C.I.): Liaison Don Bishop noted that all C.I. fund-raising activities have been canceled through end of this year, inclusive of:

- Old Coney Christmas Lights Fundraiser:
- Cookies and Cocoa w/Santa Fundraiser:

Marketing Committee: TBD.

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

4th District Issues / Concerns: Nothing to report at this time.

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 8:40 PM.