

**MINUTES**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 27, 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 six (6) E.C. Members.

**Elected Officers**

**Voting Member  
(@ This Meeting)**

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

**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
<b>Additional Attendees</b>				
Ass't Finance Officer / Post Newsletter Editor		Joe DuBois	X	X

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 September 29, 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 (Bob Kamman ) to approve Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded (Ed Sears), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.**

**POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:**

It was noted that that Euchre was still on calendar for November 11<sup>th</sup>, which has been canceled due to conflict with A/T Veteran Day event. Ken Knight will remove. Don Bishop noted Wave-the-Flag Fundraiser, which was on calendar for November 13<sup>th</sup>, and has been canceled by Kroger, and will be removed by him.

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

- Donation Acknowledgment from Memorial Day Foundation for \$25 Donation by Charities, Inc. (C.I.) for “Holiday Wreath Program”: **Posted on BB.**
- Invitation to Participate in Pearl Harbor Events at Post 534 on Sunday- December 5<sup>th</sup>: **No current action taken. Posted on BB.**
- Emails on Membership from 4<sup>th</sup> District (Jerry Perry): **Copies to Kamman and Stegmann / Posted on BB.**
- Notice / Info Regarding Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Actions: Discussion had regarding need for legal review, and fact that our sponsored BSA Troop 519 is not rechartering. **Stegmann agreed to contact local Scout Council as to situation, prior to Post seeking legal counsel.**
- Info and Photos Provided by Eagle Scout Deacon Howland Regarding his Completed Eagle Scout Project, to which Post Donated \$100 (C.I. Funds): **Post on BB**

Outgoing Correspondence by Adjutant.

- Donation Acknowledgment to Harold St. Clair (former owner of Angelo's Pizza) for donation of five cases of 2-liter soft drinks, and also for making a freezer available to Post for a reduced cost of \$200.
- Donation Acknowledgment to Post Member Pedro Ramirez for donation of his Football-Mania winnings of \$25 back to Post.
- Donation Acknowledgments prepared and sent out to 98 donors to “Hometown Heroes III Benefit (HH III), for straight donations, purchase of VIP tables, and donations of Silent Auction baskets and items.

*Adjutant Wolfangel also advised that he was officially notifying the E.C., that he was requesting to be removed from his appointment to office of Post Adjutant as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2022, as he will be stepping down, and that a diligent effort to find a replacement needed to start immediately for someone to at least serve as Assistant Adjutant, to learn the job. He advised he had also provided an article for the November Post Newsletter to this effect.*

**BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Finance Officer Randy Lindsey, presented Lindsey's submitted written financial report, as of October 27, 2021, as to Post income and expenses. Lindsey had further noted:

- 1) Savings balance includes donations from “HH III”, Ramirez donation, and Dance donations.
- 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.

Discussion was had regarding whether Post was eligible to apply for “Mission Blue Grant Funds” from Legion for COVID losses. It was noted there is a February 28, 2022 deadline for applying. **Bishop indicated he would review issue with F.O. Lindsey.**

### **OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mail Chip Mailing List:** Stegmann indicated he was no longer receiving Mail Chimp messages for Post. **Bishop indicated he would look into.**

**Hometown Heroes III Benefit Surplus Silent Auction Baskets:** Wolfangel noted that a process had been developed for the disposition of the two Silent Auction baskets from benefit which were not sold. One contains a three month “YMCA Membership” valued at approximately \$300, and the other a three month “Mercy Healthplex Membership” valued at approximately \$600. In accord with the E.C.'s decision to auction off to members, Wolfangel noted that the email /on-line auction would be conducted from November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>, and the auction and bidding process would be publicized through an article in the November Post Newsletter, and a separate Mail Chimp blast.

## NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS :

Request for Nagel Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Veteran Day Event: Wolfangel advised of a request from a Kris Nehring (mother of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student) who was requesting if we could provide some type of Veteran interaction or activity virtually for son's class for Veterans Day. ***SAA Ralph Caskey indicated he would contact her to see what we could provide.***

E.C. Vote Validation / Documentation: Adjutant Wolfangel noted need to document an E.C. Vote which occurred at the Post General Membership Meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>, as noted in that meeting's minutes as follows:

“Freezer Available: Jerry Porter advised that the owner of Angelo's Pizza on Salem Pike, which is going out of business, and who has already donated about 5 cases of 2 liter bottles of soft drinks to Post, has a large freezer available which he was willing to sell to Post for \$200, but he had to know ASAP as he had another taker if we did not want it. ***This being a matter for the E.C to decide, and with there being more than a quorum (9 of 12) of the E.C. Members present at this Post Meeting, a vote of those nine (9) E.C. members was unanimous in support of purchasing the freezer for \$200. This E.C. vote will be documented in the E.C Meeting of October 27, 2021.***”

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

Membership: Chair Bob Kamman reported :

- So far we have approximately 152 Post Memberships (New / Renewals / Transfers / PUFLs) toward our Post Quota of 169.
- He provided the E.C. with a 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: Chair Kirk Minnich noted or commented on planning for forthcoming Post activities:

- February Member Social Event – Will be a Chili Cook-Off. Date TBD
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - A/T Veterans Day Celebration at Post.
- Post Christmas Party on Friday – December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplain/VAVS: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Chaplain Jerry Porter, noted Porter had advised that he had nothing to report other than John Smith says “hi” from Maine., and VAVS is still on hold.

Americanism: (Chair is currently vacant) Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Jerry Porter, noted Porter had advised he has not heard back yet following his meeting with Anderson High School's new Principal.

Support & Recognition: (Chair is currently vacant)

A/T Veteran Day Celebration: Don Bishop noted and commented on the logistics of the A/T Veterans Day Celebration / Dinner that will held at the Post on November 11, 2021. He expressed concern over the attendance being down this year, for unknown reasons. Reservations are still open by contacting A/T at 688-8400, EXT #8444.

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.
- Noted November would be start of the new Bingo year.
- Noted this past year was record year, in spite of recent lower attendance and COVID closures.
- Noted we were closed 12 weeks in the 2019-2020 Bingo Year, and 6 weeks in the past 2020-2021 Bingo Year.
- Noted new Bingo Console would be delivered, and operational training would be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Fund-Raising: (Chair is currently vacant.)

Football-Mania Program: Adjutant Wolfangel, in absence of Randy Lindsey, noted from Lindsey's submitted report indicated Post received \$1,024.63 from event, which was down from \$1,152. received last year. This report will also be filed with Meeting Minutes.

Hometown Heroes III Benefit Update: Wolfangel noted that an additional \$100 donation had been received and was forwarded to F.O. Lindsey. Recognition of the Benefit planners, promoters, and staffing will be held at Post General Membership Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM. 19 invites have been sent out.

Fish Fry Status: Discussion was had regarding whether to move forward with Fish Fries in 2022. Prospective dates would be March 4<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Concerns brought up were: levels of attendance; ability of necessary food supplies; and who would lead the event. No decision at this time.

Fall Dance / Band Events and Christmas Show: Don Bishop gave update on progress, noting we have continued to suffer from low attendance so far this current dance season. Hopefully, will get better. Considerable discussion was had regarding whether to proceed with planning for a Spring season, and if so would it be an abbreviated schedule of one a month, or the normal of two per month, as planning must start now whichever we decide. ***Upon Motion made (Kirk Minnich) to proceed with scheduling for a full schedule Spring season, and second (Joe Dubois), motion passed unanimously.*** Bishop noted the advance ticket sales for the December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Show is going relatively well, with advance sales currently at 110.

Event Coordination: Chair Ken Knight, noted currently has only two upcoming rentals on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

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

- Bush Trimming: Advised side bushes have been trimmed to open up "Commander Parking Sign".
- Stage Painting: Has paint and will complete by next week.
- Locks for Storage Shed and Trailer: Has secured new locks for both.
- Set-Up / Decorating for Halloween Dance: 9 AM on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Internal / External Communications:

- External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel advised he had submitted a media release to Enquirer regarding our hosting of A/T Veterans Day Recognition at Post, to hopefully boost attendance. Item has appeared in Enquirer Hometown section, and should also be forthcoming in Eastside Press. Will be preparing and submitting media releases for Christmas Show and New Years Eve Gala in near future.
- Internal / Newsletter: Post Newsletter Editor, Joe DuBois, advised November Post Newsletter was almost ready, and if anyone had anything else, he needed it ASAP, so it can go out.

Uniform Ceremonies: Chair Ralph Caskey noted or commented on:

- Flag Retirement – 10/16/21 – Hillcrest Cemetery : Noted it went well. Next one will be in Spring.
- Gifts for Yanks (GFY) Program: Has received Donor Poster. 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.
- Color Guard Details. Currently only have IHM on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Also THS and AHS have been advised we will not be doing any Basketball details this season.
- Joseph House Items: Deliver will be made in near future.

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

- Wave-the-Flag Fundraiser: Was planned for November 13<sup>th</sup>, but was canceled by Kroger.
- Old Coney Christmas Lights Fundraiser: Unknown status at this time.
- Cookies and Cocoa w/Santa Fundraiser: Still planed for December 4<sup>th</sup>, but may need to consider canceling.

Marketing Committee: Next meeting is November 17, 2021. 7 PM.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**AARP Tax Prep:** It was noted that AARP inquired regarding gratis use of facility for Tax Prep again, Would be half hall, 2 days per week, during February and March 2022. *Upon Motion made (Don bishop) to approve gratis use as in past, and second (Dan Wolfangel), motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Commander Stegmann, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Board Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 PM.