

**MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2023**

Meeting conducted: X Physical Only; ___ Physical and Virtual

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM at the Post by 1st Vice Commander Kamman, in the excused absence of Stegmann. Matters addressed at the Executive Committee Meeting were:

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Adjutant Carey conducted roll call, and indicated eleven (11) E.C. members present as noted below, which exceeded the required quorum of eight (8) EC Members. **Physical (11), Virtual (0)**

Elected Officers

**Voting Members
Present**

Commander	Lee Stegmann	E	
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman		X
2 nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	E	
Adjutant	Bob Carey		X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey		X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey		X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	A	

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel		X
Service Officer	Charlie Cleves		X
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland		X
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	E	
SAL Advisory Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E	
Bar-Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz		X

E.C. Alternates

Ass't Finance Officer	Joe DuBois	X	
Ass't Sgt-At-Arms	Gary Gregorio	A	

Additional Attendees

SAL Commander	Chris Short	X	
SAL 1 st Vice Commander	Dennis Kiefer	X	

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Adjutant Carey noted that the E.C. Meeting Minutes from December 28, 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 (Stuntz) made to accept and approve the Minutes as submitted, Seconded (Wolfangel), and passed by unanimous vote of E.C.

POST EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW:

In his excused absence, 2nd Vice Minnich submitted the following report:

“Valentines Dance proceeding well. Stringer is out marketing it as well as Rockers.

Fish Fry - we cannot secure a lead(s), unfortunately may have to cancel it.

Marketing Committee notes - updated the alcohol list, as well as defined the Top Shelf & Well liquors. The list will be published for everyone to know which is which.

There is an issue with accessing the Post Calendar, Ken Knight and I had access to make changes, Ken was able to get back in but I have not yet.

Post Activities - Recommendation that the social for 2023 be held again on the 3rd Saturday of the even months with exception to the Xmas party which will be held on the 2nd Saturday of December. I will add them to the calendar once I get access back to them and a full calendar of the events will be posted in Feb newsletter.”

CORRESPONDENCE LOG: Adjutant Carey advised and commented on action taken on following items of correspondence since last meeting:

Incoming Correspondence:

- Routine bank statements, ads, dues payments, invoices, etc..
- Email from 4th District advising cancellation of the 4th District Texas Hold’Em Tournament scheduled for February 4.
- Email announcing the Grand Reopening of Amelia Post 773 on January 28 at 6:00 PM. *Posted on BB*
- Flyer from John Arthur Flats advertising apartments for senior citizens in Northside. *Posted on BB*

Outgoing Correspondence:

Acknowledgment letter to Roger Wade for the amount added to his renewal dues payment.

Misc. Adjutant Items:

None

BUDGET REPORT / FINANCE ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Finance Officer Lindsey submitted the Finance Report as of January 25, 2023, a copy of which is included with these E.C. Meeting Minutes in E.C. Minutes binder in Post Club Room for individual review, or may be provided upon individual request. He provided additional reporting as follows:

- The finances remain in good shape; all bills are paid.
- He reminded that he will not be able to continue in the position of Finance Officer past May 2023.

OPEN ISSUES / OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW ISSUES / NEW BUSINESS (Commander):

None

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

Membership: Chair Kamman reported:

- We are at 156 of 177 (88%) members renewed, which is behind our usual progress at this date.
- 25 existing members not yet paid, 4 of which did not renew last year.
- He and Wolfangel continue working on having an orientation for Post and Squadron new members.

Post Activities:

(Covered above under Post Events)

Chaplain/VAVS:

No report, as VAVS is not operating at this time.

Americanism: Chair Howland provided the following report:

- Currently searching for BBS and BGS participants. Interest forms deadline is February 1; interviews of applicants are planned for early February. Expecting entries from AHS, but no response yet from THS. BGS requires \$50 nonrefundable deposit with each commitment, but BBS does not. ***Motion (Lindsey) made to cover the \$50 deposit from Post funds, to be reimbursed by Charities, Inc. if CI funds are available, Seconded (Alfieri) and approved unanimously.***
- All other factors being equal among contestants, scholarships from the Post favors those participants sponsored by a Post member; however, no contestant has been denied a scholarship to date. The Post allots \$3,000 total for the scholarships. Each scholarship will be likely be between \$500 and \$1,000.
- Posting applications to the website is not working. Minnich is taking over the website operation from Richardson, and Kamman is working with Richardson learning the formatting system.

Community Support & Recognition: (Vacant)

In his excused absence, Bishop submitted the following:

Hillcrest Cemetery: Anderson Township has decided to take over ownership of Hillcrest Cemetery. Their primary role will be to assume responsibility for cemetery maintenance. The Coalition to Save Hillcrest will continue to make necessary infrastructure improvements, and repairs to the cemetery.

Collaborative Art Projects: While searching for resource to complete an art project at Hillcrest Cemetery, I was introduced to two women who are pulling together Collaborative art projects within the community. I am meeting with them soon to discuss Hillcrest, but I also know that they would like to meet with the EC to discuss what they are doing and see if there are any opportunities to collaborate with the Post. One thing that they are interested in is the complimentary use of our exhibit hall. I would like to give them 15 minutes on our agenda February 22 to make their proposal.” ***The EC agreed to add this to the agenda of the February meeting.***

Wolfangel reported he has a Law & Order Program nomination from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and he expects to receive a nomination from the Anderson Fire Department for Firefighter of the Year.

Service, Veterans Affairs / Economic / Legislative: Chair Cleves:

No report.

Bingo: Chair Sears provided the December report, included with these minutes. Additional items were:

He has submitted the fee and application for a Type 3 Bingo license. A separate checking account is required for Bingo.

Fund-Raising: (Vacant)

Short reported The Lounge will start selling Queen of Hearts tickets on February 12. He is setting up a date for the Alcohol Server Knowledge (ASK) class.

The 2023 Fish Fry (February 24 - April 7) may be delayed or cancelled due to lack of volunteers to manage the event. The fish and the fryer oil have to be purchased in advance; the kitchen commercial refrigerator is down. Caskey will contact Porter about emailing the Fish Fry Worker signup sheet, with involvement by Sears and Minnich.

Event Coordination: Chair Knight submitted the following report:

- Hall Rentals: Tuesday East Side Republican Club; March 1 Anderson Historical Society.
- Stringer and Minnich are organizing the Valentine's Day Event.

House: Chair Alfieri provided the following report:

- The back lot light poles are to be fixed tomorrow, and he will have the light on the end of the building fixed too.
- Wolfangel suggested that we need a light above the Legion signs near the club room door.
- The commercial refrigerator needs a new compressor. After investigating the purchase of two residential refrigerators, it was agreed to repair the existing refrigerator. *Motion (Alfieri) made to have Day's Appliance Repair replace the compressor for \$1,320, Seconded (Wolfangel) and approved unanimously.*

Internal / External Communications:

- **External:**

Wolfangel reported he submitted a media release to the Enquirer regarding the Valentine's Day dance. He has a media release ready for the Fish Fry once he gets the pricing.

- **Internal / Newsletter:**

Newsletter items need to be submitted by tomorrow to Gregorio.

Uniform Ceremonies: SAA Caskey reported:

- The Joseph House bin is empty.
- Color Guard duty Friday at AHS, including student participation.

- Gregorio will perform the SAA duties while Caskey is out for knee surgery and recovery.

Carey reported that member Dick Peters and Winnie Clayton have taken on a project to install flags on empty flagpoles along Beechmont.

Charities, Inc. (C.I.): In his excused absence, Chair Bishop submitted the following report:

“Solicitations- CI received solicitations from Team Johnson Motors. They operate the POW*MIA Freedom Car Tour and Awareness Campaign. This year no budget funds have been allocated to support this project. However, the purpose of this project is associated with our mission, so we could divert some of our budgeted funds (\$50) from other projects. Also, should we want this line to get money in 2024, it needs to be placed in the budget.”

Motion (Wolfangel) made to decline a contribution for 2023, and consider for 2024 budget, Seconded (Alfieri) and approved unanimously.

Marketing Committee: Chair Minnich

(Covered above under Post Events)

SAL Unit:

(Nothing further)

Hamilton County Council Issues / Concerns:

No report

4th District Issues / Concerns:

No report

Dept of Ohio Issues / Concerns:

No report

Good of Legion:

Carey introduced for comments and discussion the remodeling and revitalizing of the club room. Upon discussion of various views and ideas, a “Club Room Revitalization Committee” consisting of Wolfangel (Chair), Alfieri, Carey, Caskey, Kiefer, Sears, Short, Sledge, and Stuntz was tasked with preparing a proposal for EC consideration.

Further Business:

Lindsey noted someone adjusted the bar refrigerator prior to January 17 and froze the beverages. Carey announced he leaves for Vietnam February 27 and returns March 11.

Adjournment of Meeting:

1st Vice Commander Kamman, indicating there being no further business to come before the Executive Committee Meeting, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM.

Prepared by:
Bob Carey, Adjutant - Post 318