

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2020

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Chester Canter at approximately 7:00 PM. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Rob Heberly. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2nd Vice Commander Kirk Minnich led the reciting of the Preamble. Commander Canter then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sgt-At-Arms Ralph Caskey advised that there were a total sixteen (16) Post 318 members present, which was one short of a quorum of 167. There was one (1) Guest, identified as 4th District Commander Steve Foster.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers:

Elected Officers

Commander	Chester Canter	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander / Finance Officer	Kirk Minnich	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	E
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	E
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	Joe DuBois	X
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Corporate Statutory Agent / Ass't Adjutant	Dan Wolfangel	X

X = Present

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Minutes from the July 8, 2020 Post Meeting were currently unavailable for review and consideration of approval, and will have to be presented for consideration of approval at a future Post meeting, at which they are available, and a quorum are present for vote.

Executive Committee Notes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the July 29, 2020 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom bookcase, and distributed to all E.C. members, and have been submitted for posting on Post web-site. A summary of noteworthy items or actions from the July 29th E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Temporarily appointed Dan Wolfangel as Assistant Adjutant, to act in absence of Adjutant Ruffennach. This position is noted within the Post Business Plan, but has not been previously filled.
- Voted to set Post Christmas Party, on the Post Event /Activity Calendar, for Saturday – December 12, 2020.
- Approved the claiming of Bingo supply “reward points” in form of \$25 Gift Cards, for use in conjunction with the monthly volunteer raffle.
- Voted to authorize Event Coordinator Ken Knight to enter into a Hall rental agreement for a “Remote Learning Center”, to be held in Hall “A”, Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 3 PM, starting the end of August, for a minimum of two months with projection for an extension through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, at a fee of \$1,000 per month. This vote followed a question and answer period with Ken Knight and the representatives of the “Remote Learning Center”, and an E.C. discussion.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided the following Financial Report, effective as of August 12, 2020.

1 st Financial Checking	\$ 9,634.96
Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,874.00
Effective Total	\$ 6,760.96
1 st Financial Savings	\$ 22,618.02
1 st Financial 13 mos CD.	\$ 10,041.80
Total of All Accounts Available =	\$ 39,420.78 Current month (August)
Previous Month Total	\$ 42,658.46 (July)
Hall Account	\$ 394.74

No action could be taken to approve August 12th Financial Report due to lack of a quorum. Report will have to be presented for consideration of approval at a future Post meeting, at which a quorum are present for vote.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander).

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing, and reported as follows:

- 2020 Quota = 167. Currently at 102 paid, which is 61.1% of quota.
- Introduced two new Post members, Eric Howland and Louis Knechty, Jr., both of which provided a brief commentary regarding their military and local activities.
- Announced 13 August Post Member birthdays.
- Provided a list of 62 Post members not yet renewed.

Post Activities Report: (Chair - 2nd Vice Commander).

Chair Kirk Minnich commented on the setting of the Post Christmas Party on Saturday – December 12, 2020.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised he had received, and taken action on following items of correspondence:

- HCC Membership Assessment Notice for \$60: *Forwarded to Finance Officer for Payment.*
- List of 4th District 2020-2021 Activities: *Posted on BB, with copy to 2nd V. Cmdr.*
- List of 4th District 2020-2021 E-Board & Conferences: *Posted on BB, with copy to Cmdr.*
- Dept. of Ohio 2021 Awards Manual: *Posted on BB, with copy to Cmdr / 1st V. Cmdr.*

Chaplain's & VAVS Report: (VAVS Chair – Chaplain):

Chaplain Rob Heberly commented on his assuming the role, noting that he had previous experience serving as a Chaplain in the VFW at both a Post and District level. He looks forward to increasing his knowledge and functioning as the Post 318 Chaplain, though contact with previous Post 318 Chaplains and other Legion Post Chaplains.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

■ **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No Report

■ **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – Joe DuBois).

Chair DuBois noted he was unavailable to attend a recent virtual AACCC Meeting, thus had no report.

■ **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)

Chair Charles Cleves advised no report.

■ **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears)

Chair Sears advised we were approximately six weeks into the re-start of Bingo, and even though attendance has been smaller, the revenue has been unexpectedly good. July distribution of Bingo proceeds totaled \$3,311, broken down as follows: Post - \$2,000. / C.I. - \$768. / Concessions Gross - \$443. Totals distributed so far this Bingo year are: Post - \$14,100 / C.I. - \$4,855. Balance in Bingo Account as of the end of July was \$541.21.

■ **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

In absence of a Chair, the following info was provided:

Live Band Dances: Don Bishop commented on the re-start of the Post Band / Dance program, with a schedule of 11 dates from August 29th through NYE Gala on December 31st. Noted these events provide 25% of Post's operating budget, and need support. Needs volunteers to staff very badly. Contact him if you can help.

“Hometown Heros” Fundraiser: Dan Wolfangel commented on the planned fundraiser being put together for the benefit of the Post by: Kerri Wolfangel (Comey-Shepherd Realty); Latitudes Bistro owner – Sami Khoury; and musician Dan Varner. Scheduled for Sunday – October 18th, at Latitudes. Will consist of music, TV raffle, Split-the-Pot, Silent Auction, reserved VIP tables, etc. Doors will open at 12 noon. Music starts at 1 PM. Opening of event, with Posting of Colors by Post 318 Color Guard and Bag-Pipers, and commentary at 2 PM. More info will follow as available. Last year's event netted a contribution of \$7,000 to Post.

Football-Mania Tickets: Randy Lindsey commented on the program, noting they were sent out to all Post members, and additional tickets are available. Must be turned in by August 28th. The start-up cost for the program was \$185. He noted there are 17 tickets sold so far for \$340, with \$102 to Charity -Mania for registering, resulting in a current profit of \$53. Sale of 100 tickets would produce a profit of about \$1,400 to Post.

■ **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight).

No report in absence of Chair Knight.

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri).

In absence of Chair Alfieri, Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel reported that Alfieri expressed his thanks for those assisting in Post cleanups.

■ **Internal / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External Communications: No report.

Internal Communications: 2nd Vice Commander Minnich advised that he was now handling the Post Newsletter, and would appreciate if any items for newsletter inclusion would be directed to him by the 25th of the month, for the upcoming month's newsletter.

■ **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms):

Chair / SAA Ralph Caskey noted he and Jerry Porter had made a delivery to Joseph House. He reminded

there is a bin in the clubroom for collection items for Joseph House. Needed are shoes, clothes and toiletries. Will make additional deliveries as needed.

Also noted he would be delivering replacement American Flags to the schools within the FHSD, since there will probably not be an Opening Staff Day this year.

■ **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop)

Chair Bishop commented on:

- C.I. Financial Report (as prepared by Walt Geil - C.I. Treasurer): Noted end of July total balance of \$ 7,375.29. Commented on the monthly expenses and income sources within report.
- Veterans Day “Wave the Flag” C.I. Fund-raising Program: Has not heard anything from Kroger, thus assumes program, a major source of C.I. program income, will need to be canceled this year due to COVID-19.
- A/T Veterans Recognition Event: This event for A/T veterans, normally held at Post 318, has been canceled this year, due to COVID-19 requirements.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: No Report.

4th District Report: 4th District Commander Steve Foster thanked Post 318 for their membership efforts and brought greetings from the 4th District. He commented on: the impact of COVID-19 on the Legion and Legion's programs; the election of officers at various level; and stressed need to push for increasing Post membership through soliciting for new members. He would like to see Post 318 represented at the 4th District's Fall Conference on October 25th, at Post 199 (Harrison).

Dept. of Ohio: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Marketing Committee Meeting: Commander Canter advised there would be a Post Marketing Committee Meeting held at the Post on Tuesday – August 25th, at 7 PM.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House Bin / Joseph House Bin in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: \$ \$50 gift Card. Won by: Ed Sears
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Mike Stringer. Won by Gary Gregorio and donated back.
- Next E.C. Meeting: Wednesday - August 26, 2020.
- Next Post Meeting: Wednesday – September 9, 2020.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Heberly gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Canter's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Commander Canter then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

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