

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2021

(NOTE: This meeting was conducted entirely virtually on Zoom.)

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Chester Canter, at approximately 7:05 PM. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Rob Heberly.

(Note: Due to meeting being virtual, it was necessary to dispense with: the usual Presentation and Saluting of the Colors; Recognition and Placement of the POW-MIA chair Cover; the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance; and, the reciting of the Preamble.

Commander Canter opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Adjutant Dan Wolfangel advised that there were a total of nineteen (19) Post 318 members participating virtually which constituted a quorum. There were no Guests.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Wolfangel conducted the roll call of Officers and Chairs, as follows:

Elected Officers

Commander	Chester Canter	X (Z)
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X (Z)
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	X (Z)
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X (Z)
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X (Z)
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X (Z)
Chaplain	Rob Heberly	X (Z)

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X (Z)
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X (Z)
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X (Z)
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	X (Z)
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X (Z)
VAVS Coordinator	Jerry Porter	X (Z)

X = Present **(Z) via ZOOM**

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Additional Post Members attending meeting via ZOOM were: Joseph DuBois; Walt Geil; Eric Howland; Gene Sawka; Dennis Sakal; and Jack Surdick.

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. *Upon motion made (Bob Kamman) to approve Minutes as presented, and seconded (Ralph Caskey), motion to approve Minutes passed unanimously.*

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the January 27, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom, 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 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Voted to recommend to Post Membership a proposal for revisions and amendments to the Post Constitution and By-Laws. Notice will be given to Post Membership at, and following February 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting, advising of vote on adoption of proposal to be taken at the March 10, 2021 Post General Membership Meeting.
- Approved gratis use of rental hall by AARP Tax Preparation.
- Approved rental rate change for Remote Learning Center rental, from \$1,000 per month to a daily rate of usage of \$50 per day.
- Approved funding and expending of funds in amount of of \$1,800 within the Charities, Inc budget, for BB&GS Programs.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided Adjutant a copy for filing of his Financial Report, effective as of February 10, 2021, and commented on following:

1st Financial Checking \$ 11,782.15

Outstanding Checks \$ 662.39

Effective Total \$ 11,119.76

1st Financial Savings \$ 42,139.42

1st Financial 13 mos CD. \$ 10,127.81

Total of All Accounts Currently Available as of This Report = \$ 63,386.99

January's Total available funds were \$ 63,605.45

Lindsey further noted:

- Received another \$1,000 donation (member Zenon Bilwin), which is part of Saving's Account balance.2
- Still awaiting info and any contributions related to pending Hugo Vontz, Jr. (Insurance Benefit and Estate settlement) and Dick Bumess (estate settlement).
- Discussion had regarding whether to move a portion of the available funds in to Savings or CD. *The issue was tabled until next month.*

Motion made (Bob Alfieri) to accept Finance Officer's report, subject to audit. Motion was seconded (Rob Heberly), and passed unanimously.

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

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

- 2020 Post Membership Quota = 167.
- Have 164 members paid for 2020 (98.2% of quota), exceeding 4th District's January December Goal of 95%. We are currently 3 short of our quota.
- Currently have 6 current members not yet renewed for 2020.
- Announced seven February member birthdays.

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

Chair Kirk Minnich, advised no Post Activities to report, and Adjutant would be noting and has posted on BB some 4th District Activities.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Wolfangel advised following regarding correspondence of consequence or requiring action received since last meeting:

- Notice of Cancellation of 4th District “Four Chaplains Service: Posted on BB.
- Notice of 4th District Upcoming Activities: 2/28/21 – Euchre – Post 288 (Williamsburg) ; 3/7/21 – Euchre – Post 367 (Ripley) ; and 3/20/21 – Outlaw Turkey Shoot – Post 237 (Batavia): Posted on BB.
- Request for Endorsement of Candidate for 2nd Vice Commander - Dept. of Ohio – David Cobb, Sr: Posted on BB.

Wolfangel also advised of following Outgoing Correspondence:

- Donation Acknowledgment to member Zenon Bilwin for contribution to Post - (\$1,000).

Chaplain’s Report: Chaplain Heberly advised no report.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). No report

Walt Geil, Charities, Inc Treasurer, advised he had forwarded two checks to Chair Henkel to cover six BB&GS Program attendees (3 Boys/ 3 Girls).

- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Adjutant Wolfangel advised that LOOY and FFOY nominations were received from ATFD and HCSO-D5, and were forwarded to HCC for their consideration.

Wolfangel also noted that the recognition program for the promoters and volunteers of the 2nd Annual Hometown Heroes Benefit, which netted Post approximately \$9,000, would be held on Thursday – February 18th, at 5:30 PM at Latitudes Bar & Bistro (Anderson Towne Center), and Post members were welcome to attend. Legion has a table reserved for 12 persons, with 6 open seats remaining. Contact him if you wish to attend.

- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves, advised that he had attended member Robert Puthoff’s funeral. He requested to have a Memorial Bible prepared for family. *Adjutant Wolfangel will prepare Bible, and advise Cleves when ready for presentation to family.*

Cleves also noted that he had an offer of donation of a motorized scooter (value \$4,200) to Post for a members use. Three names of members that may need one were mentioned and will be checked out. Otherwise, if agreeable to donor, could be advertised and sold with proceeds going to Post. Cleves will check on this.

- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Advised No Report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised the following:

Bingo will start up again on this Sunday – February 14. Still in need of volunteers to assist with set up and working Bingo. Only has skeleton crew for this first Bingo.

Presented January Bingo Report, noting that there were only two Bingos conducted, however, monthly revenue distribution was as follows: Post \$ 1,800 / C.I. \$ 695 / Concessions earned \$ 210, for a monthly total of \$ 2,705. Bingo Operating Account balance is at \$523.46. So far this Bingo year Post received total of \$9,000 and C.I. Received \$2,810.

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

Don Bishop noted that Cincy Rockers Band had offered to play for free for a St. Pat's Day music/dance event, however with current restrictions on dancing, he questions as to whether that would be viable. Nothing scheduled at this time.

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

AAARP Tax Prep Gratis Rental: To be held Tuesdays and Thursdays (10 AM to 2 PM) through April 15th, or longer if tax deadline is extended.

Remote Learning Center Rental: Continuing under the revised rental rate approved by E.C., but not sure how long, as their attendance is down.

Pending Rentals: Only one, a Cub Scout Award Program on Thursday – February 18th. (7 to 8:30 PM).

■ **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri advised he had no report, except do not drop dumpster gate pole locks into holes, as they freeze and you cannot get gates open.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted no report..

Internal Communications: No report.

■ **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Sgt.-At-Arms): SAA Caskey noted he had nothing to report regarding Uniform Ceremonies, however, he will be taking donated items in clubroom to Joseph House as they accumulate.

Also he questioned if we had received any info regarding Gifts For Yanks Program. Adjutant Wolfangel advised not at this time.

■ **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop noted or commented on following:

- C.I. Financial Report (prepared by C.I. Treasurer Walt Geil): Noted January EOM balances indicated about \$ 11,068.02 available, of which approximately much is already committed to forthcoming approved programs.
- Noted \$1,800 for BB&GS Program had been added to funded programs, as per E.C. vote.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Nothing to report.

4th District Report: Nothing to report

Dept. of Ohio: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Nomination Committee: Commander Canter noted that he needed to appoint a Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for election of Post Officers for 2021-2022 year. Nomination Committee is to report on slate of candidates at April 14th Post General Membership Meeting, with the election to be held at the May Post General Membership Meeting. Canter called for volunteers. *Member Eric Howland volunteered to serve. Need at least one or two more to serve with him on the Committee. Contact Commander Canter prior to March Post Meeting if willing to serve.*

Post Delegates Ohio Convention - March 12-14, 2021, Columbus, Ohio: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that Post needs to select delegates for convention if we are to be represented and have ability to vote. Wolfangel indicated he believed we were entitled to two delegates and two alternates. *Commander Canter stated he could not attend, and requested if anyone wished to attend and be a Post delegate, and there was no one interested in attending, thus there was no need to select delegates.*

Good Of The Legion:

- Next E.C. Meeting: February 24, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: March 10, 2021.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Heberly gave closing prayer.

Due to meeting being entirely virtual, it was necessary to dispense with the call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover and the saluting the colors in place.

Commander Canter then declared the meeting adjourned , and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Prepared by:

Dan Wolfangel

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