

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2020

[NOTE: These Minutes were constructed in November, 2020 by Post Adjutant Dan Wolfangel, from notes taken by past (deceased) Adjutant Ed Ruffennach, and may not be complete or fully reflect content and accuracy of Post Meeting].

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Post Meeting was conducted via visual and audio conferencing software, and was called to order by Commander Joe DuBois at approximately 7:00 PM. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander DuBois then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: An accounting of those Post 318 members present via video or audio conferencing were fourteen (14), thus there was no quorum. Meeting proceeded without any voting action.

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

Adjutant Ruffennach conducted roll call. Present were: Post Officers:

Elected Officers

Commander	Joe DuBois	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander / Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Adjutant	Ed Ruffennach	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	A
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	A
Americanism Chair	Paul Henkel	A
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	X
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
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

Due to no sign-in sheet available. Non- Officer members present were:

Walt Geil / Jack Surdick / Dennis Sakal / Gene Sawka / Gary Gregorio

Minutes: Adjutant Ruffennach noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the April 8, 2020 Post Meeting have been produced in printed format, would be placed in the in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in clubroom, will be distributed to all E.C. members, and will be sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. ***No vote on acceptance of April 8, 2020 Post Meeting Minutes due to lack of quorum.***

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Ruffennach advised that the April 29, 2020 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, with one correction as to March E.C. Meeting having been canceled, will be placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the clubroom bookcase, and had been distributed to all E.C. members, and will be submitted for posting on Post web-site.

Finance Report: Finance Officer Randy Lindsey provided the following Financial Report, effective as of May 13, 2020.

1 st Financial Checking	\$ 18,074.04
1 st Financial Savings	\$ 12,125,51
1 st Financial 13 Month C.D.	\$ 10,000,00
5 th /3 rd Accounts	\$ 200.00
Outstanding Checks Total	\$ 3,233.98 (includes Liquor Permit renewal)

Lindsey advised:

- Acknowledgment to Bob Williams for returning Hoops-Mania winnings (\$30) to Post.
- All Bills are paid.

No vote on Finance Officer's Report due to lack of quorum.

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

Chair Kamman submitted written report to Adjutant for filing.

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

Chair Randy Lindsey reported no activity due to restrictions.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised:

(No correspondence records available for constructed Minutes.)

Chaplain's Report: (VAVS Chair - Chaplain):

Chaplain / VAVS Chair Jerry Porter advised VAVS activity on hold due to COVID.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – Paul Henkel). In absence of Chair Henkle, Jerry Porter advised:
 - Scholarship Program: Received one application from member Charles Cleves' granddaughter, and understands may be one more forthcoming. Seven additional applications were received and three of those were disqualified for not meeting criteria.
 - Buckeye Boys / Girls State Program: Noted Boys State has been canceled for this year, and he expects same for Girls State.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT). No report.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer)

No report in absence of Chair Cleves.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears advised no report due to Bingo being currently closed.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).

Dan Wolfangel noted that the same group of Post supporters that put together a benefit (“HOMETOWN HEROES”) last year are planning a “HOMETOWN HEROES II”, however date is uncertain due to COVID restrictions. Will advise further as plans progress.

- **Public Relations / External Communications Committee:** (Chair – Adjutant).

External: No report.

Internal: June Newsletter deadline for submission of items is May 24th.

- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). Chair Alfieri advised:

Required testing for backflow valves underway.

Awaiting proposal from SECCO on repair / replacement of Post security system.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). Chair Knight advised still has one rental pending for June (pending COVID restrictions), and had a July rental cancel.

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

Advised ammo has still not arrived. Followup emails and phone calls have been made.

Gifts for Yanks sent in the end of March.

No definitive plans, to date, for Memorial Day.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Don Bishop) Chair Bishop advised, via earlier email to all E.C. members, noting “Poppy Days Program”, which is major C.I. Funding source. He recapped his report, noting following:

- * FHSD is closed, so no FHSD Poppy Days”.
- * Kroger has been unresponsive to our requests for store locations.
- * Economic impact on C.I., and eventually Post is \$6,100.
- * Cost of 7,200 Poppies - \$1,500.
- * Projected revenue loss - \$4,600.
- * Contact Don Bishop if you have suggestion on what to do with 7,200 Poppies.

Bishop also commented on C.I. Financial Report prepared by Walt Geil, C.I. Treasurer, noting changes made to C.I. Budget due to loss of revenue.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items: No report.

4th District Report / Items: District Conference – May 17, 2020.

Dept. of Ohio Report / Items: No report.

Old Business:

Pet Center Project: Commander DuBois advised agreement is in hands of Pet Center owner, awaiting determination of a date when the related construction would be scheduled to start, after which agreement can be executed.

New Business:

Election of Officers: The following slate of Nominations for Post 318 Officers for 2020-2021 was read by Adjutant Ruffennach, and nominations were requested for each position from the floor without a response:

Commander: Chester Canter
1st Vice Commander: Bob Kamman.
2nd Vice Commander: Kirk Minnich.
Adjutant: Ed Rufennach.
Finance Officer: Randy Lindsey.
Sgt.-at-Arms: Ralph Caskey.
Chaplain: VACANT.

No vote on acceptance of nominees due to lack of quorum.

Annual Post Data Report: Adjutant Ruffennach reported the Annual Post Data Report was submitted prior to the April 15, 2020 deadline.

Consolidated Post Report: Adjutant Ruffennach reported that he continues to work on the report and has received much appreciated quick responses for information. He will be doing the CPR on-line this year and has already started entering data.

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph Houses Bin in Clubroom:
- Volunteer Raffle: Suspended due to virtual meeting.
- Split-The-Pot: Suspended due to virtual meeting.
- Next E.C. Meeting: May 27, 2020.
- Next Post Meeting: June 10, 2020.
- Refreshments in Clubroom: Suspended due to virtual meeting.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander DuBois declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

[NOTE: Prepared from notes taken by past Adjutant Ruffennach.]

By: Dan Wolfangel

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