

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2023

The Post Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and saluted. Kamman gave the Recognition of POW-MIAs, and the POW-MIA Chair Cover was placed by Assisting SAA Jack Surdick. The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Rob Heberly. Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice Commander Kamman. Reciting of the Preamble was led by 2nd Vice Commander Minnich. Kamman then opened the meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant at Arms Ralph Caskey, advised that there were seventeen (17) Post 318 members physically, and one (1) via ZOOM, in attendance, for a total of eighteen (18) Post members, and no guests, which constituted a quorum. .

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

Elected Officers

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

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	Eric Howland	E
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
SAL Committee Chair	Tony Capetillo	E
Bar/Concession Manager	Steve Stuntz	X

Alternate to Officers and Chairs

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

KEY: X=Present E=Excused (Prior Notice) A=Absent V=Vacant Z=via Zoom

Minutes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the due to lack of a quorum at last meeting, the acceptance and approval of the January 11, 2023 Minutes was postponed until this meeting, at which we also have the meeting Minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting Minutes, both of which have been posted in Post Meeting Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and submitted for posting on Post web-site. ***Motion (Don Bishop) to accept and approve both sets of Minutes was seconded (Steve Stuntz), and passed unanimously.***

Executive Committee Notes: Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the February 22, 2023 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, 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 E.C. Meeting were reported as follows:

- Were advised by Finance Officer Lindsey that he was attempting to set up meeting with First National Bank to determine and plan for Post options available at Post Mortgage renewal which comes due in September. Lindsey also reminded that he plans to step down from his position at end of term in June, and needs someone to learn the F.O. duties / responsibilities.
- Were advised currently have 3 boys and 2 girl selected for BBGS. Bishop advised we have sufficient funds to send a total of 7,(boys or girls).
- Received summary s report from the Wolfangel on Club Room Revitalization Committee's (CRRC) first meeting, and approved the Pool Table disposal proposal recommended by CRRC, and added to it their approval for disposal of the piano in lobby.
- Approved installation of an ATM in lobby, through Pioneer Vending, as presented and recommended by CRRC.
- Approved request from Bishop for securing of an additional 25 Security Access Cards, mostly due to increasing SAL membership.
- Noted need for Commander to appoint Nomination Committee at March Post Meeting.
- Set date for Post Awards and Recognition Program for July 22, 2023 at 7 PM.

Finance Report:

Due to absence of Finance Officer Randy Lindsey, and any submitted current Post Financial Report, there was no March 8, 2023 Financial Report action. ***To be presented at April Meeting.***

However, Ass't Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the due to lack of a quorum at last meeting, the acceptance and approval of the February 8, 2023 Finance Officer's Report had been postponed until this meeting. ***Upon Motion (Jack Surdick) to approve, subject to audit, the previously presented February 8th report, and upon second (Ralph Caskey), motion passed unanimously.***

Wolfangel also reminded that Lindsey's stated last day as Finance Officer will be May 15; and Assistant Finance Officer Dubois is also planning to resign his office. The new Finance Officer will need to be trained.

Membership Report: (Chair - 1st Vice Commander)

Chair Kamman submitted his written report for filing with these Minutes, and reported as follows:

- We are at 91% of quota (161 members)
- We are only slightly ahead of the National target of 90% .
- 21 members still not renewed.
- 9 members with February birthdays were recognized.

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

Chair Minnich reported as follows:

- The next Marketing meeting is March 15.
- Next Post Social is April 15th.
- May 6th , CincoDeMayo Dance scheduled.

- Queen of Hearts drawings being held in rental hall biweekly. Next one is March 20th.

Adjutant Reports and Correspondence: Adjutant Carey advised following correspondence of consequence and interest to Post members, or requiring Post action, were received since last meeting:

Correspondence Received:

- \$100 Donation check (Reginald Rider Memorial Gift) : ***Forwarded to Lindsey.***
- Buckeye Girls State Enrollment information. ***Placed in Americanism folder***
- HCPH Notice for Backflow test due: ***Forwarded to Alfieri***
- \$200 Donation check (from member Robert King): ***Forwarded to Lindsey.***
- \$1,550 Donation Check for Charities, Inc (from Dan Varner Foundation Benefit):***Forwarded to C.I. Treasurer Geil.***
- Notice and Solicitation for Joseph House Annual Golf Outing – June 2nd ; ***Was given to C.I. (Bishop) at this meeting.***
- Solicitation from Forest Hills Band Boosters for donations for Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction March 18th and Big Band Bash May 18th: ***Was given to C.I. (Bishop) at this meeting.***

Outgoing Correspondence:

Donation Acknowledgment to Robert King for \$200 donation to Post.

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain Heberly): Heberly noted following:

- Passing of Post Member Joseph Ballenger, Jr.
- Post 318 Commander Stegmann in Alanis Rehabilitation Center recuperating from a fall. Room A115.
- Comments on the Valhala Project's work.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair Howland).

Jerry Porter noted that one of our past BBS attendees, Zach Stevens, was now in the Air Force Academy.

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

Wolfangel noted that Post 318 Award & Recognition Program has been set for Saturday – July 22, 2023.

Bishop noted the following reference Hillcrest Cemetery:

- **Now under Anderson Twp control, and will require obtaining of Burn Permit for flag disposal.**
- **Need assistance with placing of 1,400 flags on May 20th in advance of Memorial Day ceremonies.**
- **He is finding it necessary to retire from his position on the Hillcrest Cemetery Advisory Board, and would like to see someone step up to take his place.**
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Cleves)

No report.

- **VAVS Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Heberly)

No report.

- **Bingo Committee** (Chair - Sears)

Chair Sears submitted the February Bingo Report, attached to these minutes, and gave the following additional comments:

- Bingo attendance in February and so far in March has been very good with around 80 attendees.
- The Type 3 Bingo pull-tabs seem to be going very good, and have been sold at various Post meetings, the Queen of Hears drawing and available tonight.

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

No report.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair - Knight)

No report.

- **House Committee:** (Chair - Alfieri).

- He expressed thanks to volunteers for setting up, cleaning, etc.
- Noted due to back-to-back rentals and events needs additional volunteers for clean up and set ups.
- Commented on the pending installation of an ATM machine in lobby.

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

Wolfangel reported:

- No Report.

- **Internal Communications Committee:** (Chair - Minnich)

Kamman reminded that any items for April Post Newsletter need to be to Gary Gregorio by March 2

- **Uniformed Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair - Caskey):

Caskey noted following:

- Anderson H.S Color Guard was short on staffing and were assisted by Cheerleaders who carried the Service Flags, at recent game.
- Flag Retirements currently being done at Spring Grove Cemetery.
- Memorial Day detail information forthcoming shortly.
- Has two heavy winter Post Jackets and two spring jackets that were turned in by family members of deceased members. If anyone is interested see Caskey.

- **Charities, Inc. Committee:** (Chair Bishop)

Chair Bishop submitted the CI Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2023 prepared by Geil, included with these Minutes. CI is meeting its budget and is funding its committed programs. He also noted that the two funding requests received tonight (FHSD Band Boosters and Joseph House Golf Outing) both are included in current C.I. Budget.

- **Capital Projects:** (Chair – Vacant):

No report.

- **Marketing Committee:** (Chair - Minnick):

Meeting next Wednesday – **March 15th**.

- **SAL Committee:** (Chair - Capetillo)

No report.

Wolfangel note that he had sent a memo to SAL Advisor Capetillo, regarding lack of SAL Minutes being timely sent to Post Adjutant Carey and being placed in SAL Minutes in binder in club room, and lack of copies of monthly SAL Finance reports being copied to Post F.O. Lindsey.

Joe DuBois indicated the SAL had significant increase in membership. Kamman advised he believed they currently are at 37 members.

- **Concession/Bar Manager** (Stuntz):

No report.

- **Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report / Items:**

No report

- **4th District Report / Items:**

Kamman advised he thought the 4th District Conference was this Sunday (3/12/23) at Post 49 in Williamsburg. He would check with Stegmann on any attendance.

- **Dept. of Ohio Report / Items:**

No report.

- **Old Business:**

Club Room Revitalization Committee (CRRC): Wolfangel gave a summary report on recent meeting. He also suggested that since there was a quorum of E.C. members present at this, he would like to present an interim proposal to E.C. members in attendance, as opposed to waiting until E.C. meeting, to expedite several of the committee's proposals, which were as follows:

- 1) Securing 4 hi-top tables w/chairs to go where pool table was previously located.
- 2) Securing 8 new bar stools to replace current ones.
- 3) Securing 10 3' X 3' folding card tables for use of Euchre when moved to rental hall space.
- 4) Supplies for stain glass light wall art project.
- 5) Replacement of CR ceiling lights with dimmable recessed lights.

All of these items were recommended to be done at Post expense since the Post is responsible for the upkeep of the Club room. SAL had indicated they were willing to over costs related to painting and installing new wall coverings from chair rail down. It was felt if Post cost limits proposed were approved a search could begin to obtain the best products available, for the least amount of cost, not to exceed the requested amounts. The total amount for all projects proposed was not to exceed \$4,150.

Following considerable discussion, ***a Motion (Bob Kamman) was made to approve up to \$750 for the new Euchre tables. Motion was seconded (Bob Alfieri), and passed by majority vote of E.C.*** Balance of items will be addressed at regular E.C. Meeting.

Post Website: Kamman and Minnich commented on changes made to Post Website, which is no longer being handled by former webmaster - Josh Richardson. The changes include a SAL page.

- **New Business:**

Wolfangel noted the Officer Nominating Committee, according to Post By-Laws was due to be appointed at this meeting, and a call for nominations should be included in the March newsletter. The committee will report to the membership in April. The election will be in May.

- **Good of the Legion:**

Jerry Porter gave a summary of regarding status and info on current Fish Fry event.

- Joseph House Bin in Clubroom
- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Ruth Wolfangel
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem, won by Steve Stuntz.
- Next E.C. Meeting: March 29, 2023
- Next Post Meeting: April 12, 2023

- **Further Business:**

- **Closing:**

There being no further business to come before the membership,
Closing Prayer was given by Commander Kamman.
Commander Kamman called for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by Jack Surdick.
Commander Kamman then called for Saluting the Colors in place.
Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:35 PM.

Prepared By:

Dan Wolfangel