

MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 318
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2021

(NOTE: This meeting was conducted physically at Post 318 and virtually on ZOOM).

The Post Meeting was called to order by Commander Lee Stegmann, at approximately 7:00 PM. Colors were in place and were saluted. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Jerry Porter. Stegmann then gave the recognition of POW-MIAs, with POW-MIA Chair Cover put in place by SAA Ralph Caskey. 1st Vice Commander Bob Kamman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commander Stegmann led the reciting of the Preamble. Stegmann then opened meeting for the normal order of business.

Attendance: Sergeant-at-Arms Caskey advised that there were a total of fourteen (14) Post 318 members attending physically, and two (2) members attending virtually, for a total of sixteen (16), which fails to constitute a quorum of seventeen, thus no Post Membership votes can be conducted..

Roll Call of Post Officers and Committee Chairs:

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

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Elected Officers

Commander	Lee Stegmann	X
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Kamman	X
2nd Vice Commander	Kirk Minnich	E
Adjutant / Corporate Statutory Agent	Dan Wolfangel	X
Finance Officer	Randy Lindsey	X
Sgt-at-Arms	Ralph Caskey	X
Chaplain	Jerry Porter	X

Appointed Positions/Chairs

Service Officer	Charlie Cleves	X
Americanism Chair	(VACANT)	V
Bingo Chair	Ed Sears	X
House Chair	Bob Alfieri	E
Fund-raising Chair	(VACANT)	V
Community Support Chair	(VACANT)	V
Event Coord. Chair	Ken Knight	A
Charities, Inc Liaison	Don Bishop	X
Alternates to Officers and Chairs		
Ass't Finance Officer / Newsletter Editor	Joe Dubois	A

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

A= Absent

E = Excused (prior notice)

V= Vacant

Minutes: Adjutant Wolfangel noted that the Post Meeting Minutes from the September 8,, 2021 Post Meeting were posted in full printed format in the Post Meeting Minutes Binder in club room, distributed to all E.C. members, and sent to Post Web-Master for posting on Post web-site. *Vote on approval / acceptance of Minutes*

will be tabled to November Post Meeting due to lack of quorum.

Executive Committee Notes: Adjutant Wolfangel advised that the September 29, 2021 E.C. Meeting Minutes, in full printed format, had been placed in the E.C. Meeting Minutes binder in the club room, 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 officially notified, via email message, of Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 519's decision to not recharter (will occur at end of December 2021). ***Finance Officer Lindsey was directed by E.C. to meet with the Troop's adult administration to assure all Troop properties and funds are transferred to the Post.***
- Set "Hometown Heroes III (HH III) Benefit Recognition Event" for November Post Meeting, occurring at approximately 8 PM as an agenda item. Social to follow close of meeting. ***Adjutant to send out approximately 18 invites to participants, and coordinate presentations. Post Activities Chair Minnich to coordinate social issues.***
- Set process for disposition of two "HHIII Benefit" Silent Auction baskets. Will be through on-line bidding to membership starting November 1st through November 10th. To be promoted via November Post Newsletter and email message. ***Adjutant Wolfangel to coordinate message distribution.***
- Directed cancellation of Euchre on Thursday – November 11th, due to A/T Veterans Day Event conflicts on Post facility usage. ***Adjutant Wolfangel to advise Euchre Coordinator Baker.***

Finance Report: Finance Officer Lindsey submitted a written Post Financial Report as of October 13, 2021, and provided Adjutant with copy for filing, and provided copies to members in attendance at this meeting, and in addition noted:

- Major increases in totals are due to "HH III" Benefit and Charity-Mania fund-raisers.
- .All bills are currently paid.

Following the review of submitted report, Adjutant advised that a copy would be placed on file along with this Post Meeting Minutes in Post Meeting Minutes binder in Post Club Room, for individual review, or may be provided upon individual request. ***Vote on approval / acceptance of this Finance Officer's Report will be tabled to November Post Meeting due to lack of quorum.***

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

Chair Kamman, submitted a written Membership Report to Adjutant for filing, and to be placed in Post Meeting Minutes binder with these meeting Minutes. Kamman commented as follows from report:

- 2021-2022 Quota is confirmed at 169.
- Currently at 152 paid members, or 90% of quota of 169, and goal of 170.
- Noted we have 9 new Post members (3 new / 6 transfers in)
- Have 46 members currently not yet renewed for 2021-2022.
- Have five deceased members this year (Joe Burkart / Joseph Chalfant / Dan Crocker) Charles Gill / John Wakefield /.
- New cards are available upon payment of dues.
- Announced ten (10) October member birthdays.

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

Randy Lindsey, in absence of Chair Minnich, noted or commented on:

- **Tailgate Social:** - For Post members and families on Saturday – October 16th, at 4 PM. Bring tailgate side dish.
- **Marketing Committee Meeting** – Wednesday – October 20th at 7 PM.

- Fall Live Band / Dance Season: Season in progress – Next dance Saturday- October 23rd.
- HH III Benefit Recognition Event: Minnich needs number attending for social part of event. *Adjutant to furnish by November 5th.*
- A/T Veterans Day Recognition Social / Dinner / Entertainment Event: Thursday – November 11th.

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

- Gifts For Yanks (GFY) Program Notification and Info: *Posted on BB, with copy to SAA Caskey who will coordinate.*
- 4th District Newsletter – October 2021: *Posted in Newsletter Binder in Club Room, with email copies to Post E.C. Members.*
- Email from Scouting Coordinator Joe Baker Regarding Scout Troop 519 Not renewing Charter: *Handled by E.C.*
- Email from Jerry Perry (4th District) Regarding Update (Issued by Beth Garino – V.A . Dept Service Officer) on COVID Issues Related to V.A Hospital: *Posted on BB.*

Chaplain's Report: (Chaplain): Chaplain Jerry Porter indicated he had nothing new to report. Noted Darrel Everman was back and doing well after his illness.

Committees and Liaison Reports:

- **Americanism Committee:** (Chair – VACANT) Jerry Porter advised he had met with Lyle Fenner, AHS principal, and discussed Post and Legion Programs available for participation by students/schools. He will get back to Porter after reviewing with his staff.
- **Community Support & Recognition Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
A/T Veteran Day Celebration: Don Bishop commented on logistics and reservation process for November 11th event, noting currently only 68 RSVPs. Will be discussing with A/T as to boosting attendance. Adjutant Wolfangel offered to submit Media Release to Enquirer, if OK with A/T. Bishop to check and advise.
- **Service, Veterans Affairs, Economic & Legislation Committee:** (Chair - Service Officer). Chair Cleves advised no report.
- **VAVS Committee:** (Coordinator - Jerry Porter) Chair Porter advised no VAVS activity scheduled as yet.
- **Bingo Committee** (Chair – Ed Sears) Chair Sears referenced the written September Bingo Report, which will be filed with these meeting minutes, in Post Meeting Minutes binder in club room for review, or access. He further noted or commented regarding:
 - Thanks to Bingo volunteers. Still need more.
 - Attendance at Bingo has dropped considerably over last month for reasons unknown.
 - However, overall the 2020 / 2021 Bingo year should be a record year as to revenue produced for the Post and C.I.
 - New Bingo console is on order.
 - October will complete the last month of the State of Ohio Bingo year.
- **Fund-Raising Committee:** (Chair – VACANT).
Fall Season Live Band / Dances: Don Bishop commented on the logistics of the schedule and events , noting attendance is way down from previous dances,. Not sure as to why, but possibility of many regular attendees being in the high risk category for COVID.
Christmas Show: Don Bishop advised will be held on Saturday December 18th , and already has sold 104

advance tickets.

Hometown Heroes III (HH III) Benefit Update: 18 Invites to be sent out for recognition event on November 10th. / Presentation Plaques ordered / Certificates being prepared / Approximately 70 Donation Acknowledgments being sent out to supporters and donors of cash or items for benefit.

- **Event Coordination Committee:** (Chair – Ken Knight). No report, in Chair Knight's absence.
- **House Committee:** (Chair – Bob Alfieri). No report in absence of Chair Alfieri, who had advised most pending projects or issues had been completed.

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

External Communications: Adjutant Wolfangel noted nothing to report.

Internal Communications: No report in absence of Joe DuBois. It was noted that items for November Post Newsletter should be to Dubois by October 25th.

- **Uniform Ceremonies Committee:** (Chair – SAA Caskey) Caskey noted following:

- Color Guard Details: Needs volunteers for Veterans Day (November 11th) at IHM School. Will not be doing any indoor Color Guards this year in schools. Possibly will have Color Guard detail for AHS/THS Football game on October 22nd. Will advise.
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies at Hillcrest Cemetery on Saturday – October 16th, 10 AM to 12 Noon. All welcome to attend.
- Joseph House Donations: Bin filling up. Will probably take to Joseph House next week.

- **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 September EOM balances currently indicate about \$ 10,189, for funding of 2021-2022 Programs, with some committed to yet to be expended 2020-2021 programs.
- The major portion of 2021-2022 C.I. Budget Year revenue is still expected to come from Post Bingo and four C.I. fund-raising programs (Wave-The Flag / Old Coney Christmas Lights / Cookies and Cocoa with Santa / Poppy Days).

- **Marketing Committee:** Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday – October 20, 2021 – 7 PM.

Hamilton County Council (HCC) Report: Commander Stegmann advised he attended the October HCC Meeting on October 6th, at Post 199. Nothing to report on.

4th District Report: Commander Stegmann advised that we will be subject to an inspection at one of our Post Meeting.

Dept. of Ohio: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Freezer Available: Jerry Porter advised that the owner of Angelo's Pizza on Salem Pike, which is going out of business, and who has already donated about 5 cases of 2 liter bottles of soft drinks to Post, has a large freezer available which he was willing to sell to Post for \$200, but he had to know ASAP as he had another taker if we did not want it. ***This being a matter for the E.C to decide, and with there being more than a quorum (9 of 12) of the E.C. Members present at this Post Meeting, a vote of those nine (9) E.C. members was unanimous in support of purchasing the freezer for \$200. This E.C. vote will be documented in the E.C Meeting of October 27, 2021.***

Good Of The Legion:

- Fisher House / Joseph House Bins in Club Room: Joseph House delivery in next week.

- Volunteer Raffle: Gift Card won by Wayne Hinaman.
- Split-The-Pot: Handled by Tom Prem. Won by Randy Lindsey.
- Next E.C. Meeting: October 27, 2021.
- Next Post Meeting: November 10, 2021.
- Refreshments in Club Room: Immediately following meeting.

Further Business: None,

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Chaplain Porter gave closing prayer, followed by Commander Stegmann's call for removal of POW-MIA Chair Cover by SAA Caskey. Stegmann then called for saluting the colors in place, and then declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58 PM.

Prepared by: Dan Wolfangel