

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday December 21, 2021

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Post Training on American Legion Baseball by John Cronin Post490

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire at 7:30pm

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call;

Absent was the Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, and Public Relations Officer

All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on November 16, 2021 were read.

Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on December 7, 2021 were read.

Introduction of guests; Harry Woodstrom, Past Commander and current Commander of District 22, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander.

Introduction of New Members; 2 New Members were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application, Phil Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards: None at this time.

Reports:

Finance Officer; Our banking report shows an ending balance of \$4,794 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 24 Members present and 2 New Members present.

Sick call, relief and unemployment; Richard Zerweck and Jim Foland are home recovering from illness.

Service Officer; No Report, not here.

1st Vice Commander; We are currently at 69.25% of our Goal of 322.

Membership; We still need to contact members who have not renewed their 2022 membership dues. We will conduct "Buddy Checks" in January. We also need to schedule time for contacting Post 345 members for possible transfer to Post 164. Harry Woodstrom, District 22 Commander, reviewed national policy on Membership Termination.

2nd Vice Commander; No official report, but Commander McGuire spoke about First Responder Awards Banquet. 11 First Responders were recognized with awards for their efforts in making our community safe and protected. KISD was recognized for their Mental Health intervention team of 4 Officers.

Judge Advocate; Not here, excused.

Boys State; Will start on class of 2022 at a meeting in January.

Honor Guard; We had 16 Funerals and 5 Flag Ceremonies for 320 service hours.

Board of Trustees; This building was inspected at no cost to post and a report will be available soon. But significant plumbing and electrical issues were uncovered.

Public Relations; Not here, still working on videos from recent events.

Unfinished Business; None at this time.

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

Announcements

Veterans Breakfast is on January 8th from 7 to 10am

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on January 4th

Next Post Membership Meeting is on January 18th

Bingo License for our Post was approved, waiting on building completion date.

Membership committee needs more help.

Oratorical contest update; our Post has 3 schools represented.

22nd District Oratorical Contest will be January 8th at Post 472

Wreath Across America was a successful event, was finished just before the rain came down.

JSSP needs more instructors to volunteer.

22nd District DEC will be here on March 13th at 2PM

22nd District Convention will be here on May 14th at 9AM

New Business

Finance Officer made a motion to establish a new Post committee called "Community Relations"

This was discussed; PTSD Group will be able to expand their events to more meeting time and possibly having entertaining games for Veterans to occupy their time and also invite their Veteran friends to come to their meetings and maybe increase our post Membership. This could also be an opportunity for our Service Officer to conduct a meeting for other Veterans in our area to come and hear what the American Legion does for Veterans. We want to have a very visible program and building within our community and this type of committee should make it happen. Motion was 2nd by Phil Malsbary, no further discussion, motion passed.

The Good of The American Legion;

Commander wishes all to have a "Merry Christmas" and see you-all next year.

If no further business our Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Sergeant at Arms, recovers the POW/MIA Flag.

Post Commander, I now declare this meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

William Kennison
Adjutant

James McGuire
Commander