The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday April 19, 2022

6:00 Social with food and drinks.

7:00 Training- Mentorship video by Peter Batura

7:30 Membership meeting called to order by Commander McGuire

Order of Business

Officer Roll Call; Absent was our 1st Vice Commander All Other Officers were Present

Review of minutes of previous Membership Meeting on March 16, 2022 were read. Review of minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on April 5, 2022 were read.

Introduction of guests; Butch Sparks, National Executive Committee Member, Harry Woodstrom Past Commander, and Current Commander of District 22. Also present from District 22 was; James McGuire, their Adjutant, Andy Valadez, their Public Relations Officer, Jody Castro, their American Legion Riders Advisor, and William Kennison their Americanism Chairman.

Introduction of Potential New Members; 3 Veterans were introduced and they spoke about their military background. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we accept their application for membership, Phil Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Awards:

A large wooden burnt etching of The American Flag was presented to Commander McGuire By Ladies from Unit 164 American Legion Auxiliary and it was placed on the wall

Reports:

Finance Officer: Our banking report shows a checking account balance of \$11,359 dollars.

Sergeant at Arms; 39 members present, including 3 new members

Sick call, relief and unemployment; No Report

Service Officer; 2 Veterans helped with obtaining Military records from their former Service.

1st Vice Commander; Not Here

Membership; We have 307 members and are at 95.34% of our goal.

 2^{nd} Vice Commander; Safety Fest is this Saturday and we will need volunteers to help transport and set-up equipment. This is a very large event for our Post to be part of.

Judge Advocate; No Report.

Boys State; 30 Boy's have been selected. Harry Woodstrom made a Motion for the Post to pay for 3 of the boy"s who have a hardship, Motion was 2nd by Mike Martin, no discussion, Motion passed.

Honor Guard: Not Here.

Board of Trustees: Not Here.

Public Relations; Attended the VietNam War Veterans Ceremony and will produce a video soon. Attended Post 490 Ground Breaking event. Attebded Katy Area Chamber Networking event.

Initiation of Candidates; 6 Members were Initiated into Post 164

Unfinished Business; None at this time

New Business, Correspondence, and Announcements

New Business;

Officer Elections are as followed;

For Post Comander; Peter Batura was nominated, Harry Woodstrom Motioned to close the ballot, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Peter Batura, Cary Snyder 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For 1st Vice Commander; Roy Miller was nominated, Phil Malsbary Motioned to close the ballot, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Phil Malsbary Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Roy Miller, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For 2nd Vice Commander; Philip Malsbary was nominated, Ted Whiteman Motioned to close the ballot Harry Woodstrom 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Philip Malsbary, Phillip Yates 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Adjutant; William Kennison was nominated, Wally Klekar Motioned to close the ballot, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motion for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for William Kennison, Philip Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Finance Officer; Harry Woodstrom was nominated, Ray Hoffpauir Motioned to close the ballot, Cary Snyder 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Harry Woodstrom, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Chaplain; Glenda Hoffman was nominated, Philip Malsbary Motioned to close the ballot, Wally Klekar 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Butch Sparks Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Glenda Hoffman, Philip Malsbary 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Historian; Phillip Yates was nominated, Ray Hoffpauir Motioned to close the ballot, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Wally Klekar Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Phillip Yates, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Judge Advocate; Butch Sparks was nominated, Ray Hoffpauir Motioned to close the ballot, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Wally Klekar Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for Butch Sparks, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

For Board of Trustees Position #5 there are 2 candidates; Philip Malsbary and James McGuire so a paper ballot was distributed to select a nominee. James McGuire was selected as the nominee for position Number 5 on the board of Trustees. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for the Adjutant to cast 1 ballot for James McGuire, Morrow Krum 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to destroy the paper ballots, Ted Whiteman 2nd the Motion, no discussion, Motion passed.

Missing at the time of election;

Sergeant at Arms candidate; Kenneth Trunnell

Service Officer candidate: Tracey McDonald

Position #1 on Executive Committee at large; Forrest Croom

Position #2 on Executive Committee at large; Deb Bortisser

They will be voted on at the next Membership Meeting as they must be present to accept the nomination.

Announcements;

Veterans Breakfast is on May 7th from 7 to 10am Come at 6:00am to help set-up

Next Post Executive Committee Meeting is on May 3rd at 7:30pm

Next Post Membership Meeting is on May 17th with Post Elections, and Installing Officers.

Bingo License for our Post was approved, but the location will change.

April 21st is Business After Hours event at First Community Credit Union.

April 23rd is Katy Safety Fest at Katy Mills Mall

April 29th is Health and Wellness Fair at VFW Post 9182

May 7th Boy's State Orientation at Post 164 at 2:00pm

May 14th Boy's State Orientation Post 521 at 10:00am

May 14th Honor Flight returns to Houston Hobby airport.

The Good of The American Legion;

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 9:15pm

William Kennison Adjutant James McGuire Commander