

The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Membership Meeting on Tuesday January 24, 2024

7:00 Opening Ceremony called to order by Commander Batura

1. Officer Roll Call; Missing was; Judge Advocate, Historian, Service Officer, and Communications Officer.
2. Introduction of guests and Remarks; Harry Woodstrom , Past Commander Post 164, and Past Commander District 22, Ernie Cormier, Past Commander Post 164 and Paul Dudkowski, Past Commander Post 164, and Gillian Woodstrom, Past President of Unit 164.
3. Minutes of Previous Membership Meeting on December 19, 2023 were read. A Motion was made by Phil Malsbary to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.
4. Minutes of Previous Executive Committee meeting on January 02, 2024 were read. A Motion was made by Phil Malsbary to approve these minutes. Motion was 2nd by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
5. Committee Reports;
 - a. Service Officer; No report, not here.
 - b. Events; Thanks to everyone who helped with the Fireworks stand during the Holidays, the next big event is the Katy Rodeo Parade and we will have a Zoom committee meeting soon.
 - c. Membership; We are at 91:84 % of our goal. We have transferred 5 Members from Post 345 and also contacting our Post members to remind them to renew.
 - d. Finance; We have \$20,813 dollars in the bank. A copy of this is also available. Bruce Pettengill Motioned to accept this report as read, Motion was 2nd by Sandy Krum, no discussion, Motion passed.
 - e. Oratorical; Daniel Rupawalla was the winner at 2nd Division and he will go on to Department final in Austin.
 - f. JSSP; No report, not here
 - g. Honor Guard; 4 Honor Functions, 1 Flag Function for 108 Service Hours. Always remember we still can use more help.
 - h. Riders; We are planning our next Ride to New Braunfelds for February 10th

- i. Sons; No report, not here
- j. Auxiliary; Gillian Woodstrom Thanked all Members who are planning their part in the 4 Chaplains Ceremony as this will be a Military community event .

6. Unfinished Business;

- a. Building Red Tag; Commander gave his update; Since our last meeting everything has been resubmitted; now we need to wait for what their next request might be. Maybe time for the re-inspection.
- b. Community Service Hours Tracking & Reporting; Harry Woodstrom will develop a computer page on Post website for Members to use to track their Hours.
- e. Election Ballot Forms; They have been done and are ready.

7. New Business

- a. Katy Rodeo Parade; A Motion was made by Stephen Baranzyk for a not to exceed budget of \$300 dollars for expenses to purchase items needed for parade. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.
- b. Convention Registration Expense; Harry Woodstrom Motioned that the Post 164 pays the registration fee for a delegate to attend any convention. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, no discussion, Motion passed.
- c. Convention Expenses; Harry Woodstrom Motioned for the Post 164 to pay expenses providing they have prior Post Approval of Membership. Motion was 2nd by Ernie Cormier, during discussion the motion was amended to include Post Officers, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- d. Post Information; Commander Batura reminded all that when information needs to be sent out to the Membership it must be done thru the HubMaster.

8. Correspondence and Announcements;

- a. Bingo is Jan28th at Dan's Paradise Bingo in Pasadena.
- b. Breakfast with a Veteran is on Feb 3rd at Elks lodge
- c. Honor Guard Practice is on Feb 3rd
- d. Four Chaplains Ceremony on Feb 3rd at Living Word Lutheran Church
- e. Post Night Out is on Feb 22nd at Rudy's BBQ at 6pm
- f. Katy FFA Rodeo Parade is on Feb 17th at 8am

9. The Good of The American Legion;

Bruce Pettengill was the winner of the Fishing Trip Raffle.
Mr. Obrien was the winner of Earl Campbell Jersey shirt.

If there was no more business, our Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Commander, I now declare this Membership Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

William Kennison
Adjutant

Peter Batura
Commander