

## The American Legion Post 164

### Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on June 04, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Batura at 7:00pm

Some members were on zoom, others were at Post 164

Invocation by Post Chaplain

Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (5-07-2024) were posted on the Post Website and approved at the last Membership meeting.

4. Committee Reports ( using new template ) Limited to 2 minutes each.

a. Board of Trustees; 4 Invoices were sent to MUD Board for processing and payment. Elevator Contracts were sent to MUD Board for their consideration. We will need to rent a man lift to complete several repairs within the bay areas.

b. Auxiliary; Several of our Members were at the Honor Flight return at Hobby Airport. Westside Maids cleaned the Post bathrooms, kitchens and floors. Poppy Distribution on Memorial Day was very successful. Girls State interviews are complete and we have 25 Girls who will attend. June 9<sup>th</sup> is Women's Veterans Day Open House at Post 164. June 19<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for Officer Installation.

c. Sons of American Legion; We assisted the Auxiliary on their Poppy Distribution Day. We are still on planning on a shredding day.

d. Legion Riders; We have a Meet and Greet on this coming Saturday.

e. First Vice Commander; We are at 112.99% of our goal and we have added 43 new members this year. We are always looking for new members.

f. Second Vice Commander; Our combined Poppy Day at 4 locations was a great success. Attended T N T Fireworks orientation and learned their way of setting up the location. The stand will operate from June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> Flag Retirement will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at Post 164 parking lot. Eagle Scout Project will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Post 164 to build picnic tables.

g. Judge Advocate; No Report

h. Finance Officer; We have \$20,636 dollars in the bank. The finance report was read and is always available to view after the meeting. Proposed Budget for 2024 – 2025 will be voted on at the June Membership meeting, submit any changes now by e-mail.

i. Service Officer; No Report, not here

j. Chaplain; Thelma Williams in hospital then recovery after falling at home.

k. Historian: Thumb drive and history binders are completed and up to date.

l. Sergeant at Arms; Building was cleaned and everything seems to be functioning.

- m. Communications; No Report - Vacant
- n. JSSP; No Report, not here
- o. Honor Guard; 5 Honor Functions, 7 Flag Functions, for 296 Service Hours.
- p. Oratorical Contest; Will start next school year.
- q. Boys State; This Sunday the Bus will go to UT Austin to start the Program.
- r. Flag Retirement; 1,292 Flags were collected from Flag Boxes around Katy.
- s. Graves: All Veterans graves without a Headstone now have a DD214 located.
- t. Scouting; Participated in 2 committee meetings to advise on camp cookware, unit flags, and fundraising. All female troop charter is still pending.

#### 5. Unfinished Business;

- a. June General Meeting Agenda; This meeting will be to Install newly Elected Officers and then typical business as usual.
- b. Building Operational Permit Status; Occupancy signs are completed, now they must be picked up then installed in building.
- c. Thelma Williams Conference Room; Bruce Pettengill Motioned that the conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor be named to Honor Thelma Williams. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed. Bruce Pettengill Motioned for the Post to purchase a Plaque to designate this room in 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Williams name and not to exceed 200.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.

#### 6. New Business

- a. Grand Reopening Event; This is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5pm Harry Woodstrom Motioned to invite the MUD Board to participate in this event to honor the building. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- b. Building Projects – scissor lift required; These projects need a lift to safely install equipment and paint the walls. A Motion was made by Jim McGuire to rent a scissor lift with a not to exceed cost of 1,000.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie Cormier, discussion was where to look for one at this cost, Ted will check local distributors, no further discussion, Motion passed.
- c. Houston Veterans Chamber Membership; Sandy Krum Motioned to join this Chamber at a yearly cost of 100.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, discussion was it is a group of Veteran Business owners in and around our community who we can refer to, no further discussion, Motion passed.

- d. Raffle; Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we have a Fishing Trip Raffle to be drawn in December, tickets will be 10.00 dollars each or 3 for 25.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cary Snyder, no discussion, Motion Passed. Harry will prepare the tickets. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we have a Weapon/Rifle raffle for our grand reopening, tickets will be 10.00 dollars each or 3 for 25.00 dollars. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry will prepare the tickets.
- e. Bruce Pettengill made a Motion to proclaim Phil Malsbary as Vice Commander Amaterasu. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, Motion passed.
- f. Bruce Pettengill Motioned that Post 164 buy him a cap and name badge with this designation. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- g. Harry Woodstrom Motioned for the Post to install the new Fiber Internet system for a better functioning service. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.
- h. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that Thursday Night be for a Game Nite on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Krum, discussion was we need this to attract more new and younger family members, no further discussion, Motion passed.

#### 7. Announcement for Events

Calendar review is on the front page of Post website.

Division, Department & National Conventions are listed.

Women's Veterans Day is June 9<sup>th</sup> at Post 164

Breakfast with a Veteran is on July 5<sup>th</sup> at Elks Lodge

Another Post Night Out is being planned.

If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 8:32pm

William Kennison  
Adjutant

Peter Batura  
Commander