The American Legion Post 164

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting on October 01, 2024

- 1. Executive Committee Meeting called to order by Commander Krum at 7:00pm Some members were on zoom, others were at Post 164
- 2. Invocation by Post Chaplain
- 3. Roll Call; All Elected Officers are present.
- 4. Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting (9-03-2024) were posted on the Post Website and approved at the last Membership meeting.
- 5. Committee Reports (using new template) Limited to 2 minutes each.
- a. Auxiliary; We have completed Patriots Day Drive-thru at Post 164 and Boys and Girls State Luncheon. We are now getting ready for Pies for Camp Hope, Rice Harvest Festival, and Dinner at Ballard House, and Thanksgiving Events and Christmas activities. See attached for more details on what WE do .
- b. Sons of American Legion; We sent out emails seeking volunteers for Safety Fest and Rice Harvest events. Our next meeting is on 10/03/2024 and they attended Breakfast with a Veteran on Saturday morning.
- c. Board of Trustees; Our meeting was on 9/23/2024 and Mr. Torres from Jujitsu for Veterans asked to use our building. Air Conditioner problems are still awaiting quotes for repairs or replacements. Now have cameras for building, they need to be installed.
- d. First Vice Commander; We are at 52.80% of our membership goal of 375. Attended DEC in Austin, was great, also Safety Fest, Breakfast with a Veteran, Veterans Bingo event.
- e. Second Vice Commander; Getting information ready for Rice Harvest Festival and also the parade route map. Also planning on Post Night Out.
- f. Finance; We have \$22,793 dollars in the bank. This report is now on file.
- g. Judge Advocate; No Report, but look at C&BL to see if anything needs changing.
- h. Chaplain; Attended Veterans Funerals and visited sick and ill members.
- i. Service Officer; Assisted 2 Veterans with obtaining forms for their Medical claims to be submitted to VA for consideration.
- j. Oratorical: Next competition is on November 16th at Post 164
- k. Honor Guard; 6 Funerals and 3 Flag Functions for 229 Service Hours.
- l. Riders; Next ride is planned for October 19th will meet at Buc-ees.
- m. Others; JSSP- We started the program this Saturday at Post 164

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Recap of Boys and Girls State Luncheon; Everything went well, but there was some confusion on start time. Food was great and all had an enjoyable event.
- b. Recap of Post Grand Opening; This was the time to show the community what we are about and how the Veterans can become a member and obtain their benefits. Several invited special guests were present who acknowledged how this Post 164 is an important part in this community.
- c. Recap of Safety Fest; Our location was set up near the loud speakers and front stage so we had a very visible spot. We gave out literature and accepted Membership applications. This was an event for all First Responders and their Equipment to be displayed.
- d. Anything Else;

7. New Business

- a. Service Officer Resignation; A Motion was made by Butch Sparks to accept this resignation. Motion was 2nd by Harry Woodstrom, no discussion, motion did not pass. Harry Woodstrom Motioned to establish a 2nd position as assistant service officer. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed. Harry Woodstrom Motioned that Dr. Cheyenne Eichelberger be appointed to this position. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- b. Veterans Bingo on October 2nd at No Label Brewery
- c. Breakfast with a Veteran is on October 5th
- d. Rice Festival parade is October 5th
- e. Rice Harvest Festival is on October 12th & 13th
- f. Service Officer Training at Post 164 is on October 19th starts at 0900am A Motion was made by Butch Sparks for a Budget not to exceed \$350 dollars for this training. Motion was 2nd by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- g. Post Night Out will be on October $24^{\rm th}$ at Bubba's 33 Restaurant 2704 W. Grand Pkwy
- N. Katy, TX from 6:30 to 9:00pm
- h. October 26^{th} is Trunk or Treat at West Memorial Park from 11am till 1pm? Harry Woodstrom Motioned that we provide \$100 dollars for candy. Motion was 2^{nd} by Jim McGuire, no discussion, Motion passed.
- i. Social Media Help; Tabled for a future meeting as more information is needed.
- j. KCM Veterans Thanksgiving; Bruce Pettengill Motioned that our Post contribute \$500 dollars toward this event. Motion was 2^{nd} by Phill Yates, no discussion, Motion passed.
- k. Newsletter Deadline; This is one week prior to the next Membership meeting. All Executive Committee members and Committee chairs need to submit an article to keep post members updated.

- l. Flag Retirement; Jim Harris is planning this and will a have report ready soon.
- m. American Legion Times; They are asking for Posts to send them articles.
- n. Review the Post Calendar often as there are many events happening in our community for all Veterans to attend and enjoy, spread the word.
- o. Anything Else; Butch Sparks Motioned for expenses not to exceed \$250 dollars be paid for Officers who attend American Legion Conferences. Motion was 2^{nd} by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed.

Harry Woodstrom Motion for \$400 dollars be spent toward replenishing the Honor Guard supplies and equipment. Motion was $2^{\rm nd}$ by Bruce Pettengill, no discussion, Motion passed. Bruce Pettengill Motioned that the Post get a QR code for the Post to use. Motion was $2^{\rm nd}$ by Harry Woodstrom, several topics were discussed and the Motion was withdrawn.

- 8. Upcoming Events; Radio training is being planned for October Membership meeting. A Recruiting program is also being prepared for a future Membership meeting.
- 9. If no further business, Post Chaplain will offer a closing prayer.

Executive Committee adjourned at 8:27pm

William Kennison Adjutant Sandy Krum Commander