

Meeting Date: 2018.07.21 July meeting. (Amended)

American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30 met at the *Paris Elk's Lodge* at 10am.

Those present included Commander Don Karasek, Vice Commander / Adjutant Mike Hanlon, Judge Advocate Keith Brown; Service Office Amy Burton, members: H.E. (Bud) Mackey, Jr., Ronnie Biggs; and 2 Guests.

The commander called the meeting to order; Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the invocation, the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Legion Preamble.

Keith Brown read the May 19th minutes (due to the lack of a quorum, no meeting was held in June). Bud Mackey moved the minutes be accepted. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Don Karasek read the Financial report. Bud Mackey moved the financial report be accepted. Keith Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Keith Brown made a \$20 cash donation.

The post welcomed Ronnie Biggs (USAF) as a new member.

Unfinished business:

- The following nominations were made in May:
 - Commander: Don Karasek
 - Vice Commander: Mike Hanlon
 - Chaplain: Mike Hanlon
 - Service Officer: Amy Burton
 - Historian: Amy Burton
 - Judge Advocate: Keith Brown
 - Webmaster: Keith Brown
 - Hubmaster: Keith Brown
 - Financial Officer: H.E. (Bud) Mackey, Jr.
 - Sergeant at Arms: H.E. (Bud) Mackey, Jr.
- As none of the candidates were opposed, the Post Commander declared all candidates elected (by acclamation, RONRIB pg 79).

New business included:

- Mike Hanlon moved the Post Commander (Don Karasek) request the District Commander (Andy Lowen) to attend our August meeting so the District Commander can install the new officers. Amy Burton 2nd the motion. Passed by voice vote.

- Mike Hanlon suggested we call members before each breakfast / meeting so we can improve attendance. A discussion ensued. No motion made.
- Amy Burton reported she helped two homeless vets get care, one at New Hope (Paris), the other with housing in Longview.
- Amy Burton suggested post members volunteer at the local food pantry, both to help the community and to increase the community's awareness of our post. Don currently volunteers three days per week at the pantry.
- (corrected) Amy Burton reported transitional housing is not available in North Texas for female vets.
- (corrected) Bud Mackey moved the post establish and man a booth at the County Fair in September with a one year free AL membership as a door prize. The fair runs from Wednesday through Saturday; September 26th - 29th from 1800 to 2200 hours on Wed, Thu, Fri and 1100 to 1800 hours on Sat. Motion 2nd by Amy Burton. Passed by voice vote.
- Denise Rhodan provided a thank you letter and picture to the post.

Acting Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the benediction.

Commander Karasek adjourned the meeting.