

Meeting Date: 2018.10.19 October meeting.

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

Those present included the post officers: Commander Don Karasek, Vice Commander Mike Hanlon, Adjutant Bud Mackey, Service Office Amy Burton, Judge Advocate Keith Brown; members: James Council, Charles R Miles, Willie Wooten; and 3 guests. Also attending were: Annette Perry, Chuck Walser, David Booker, Kip MacClinchie, Ora Miles, Ray Rosebrough, Teresa Ferguson, and Wyndell Ferguson.

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

Bud Mackey read the September 15th minutes. Amy Burton made a correction (regarding the areas of responsibility for Longview and Bonham). James Council corrected the names for the Post Trustees. Keith Brown moved the minutes be approved as amended. Charles Miles seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Bud Mackey read the Financial report (attached to the official record). Keith Brown moved the financial report be accepted. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The post welcomed new members: Annette Perry, Chuck Walser, James Mitchell, Jennifer Berquist, Malcom (Kip) McClinchie, Ora Miles, Ray Rosebrough, Ronnie Morton, Teresa Ferguson, Wyndell Ferguson.

Bud Mackey moved the post accept the new members. Keith Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished business:

- The post discussed the county's appointment of a new Veteran Service Officer. None of the Post members who attended the Commissioners' Court were happy with the process as they were denied representation during the hearing.
- Bud Mackey announced the Commissioners' Court passed a resolution making the Veteran's groups responsible for the County Cemetery on FM 195 (the city and county will provide labor, the Veterans groups will supervise). As a consequence we need volunteers. Bud also announced:
 - The State of Texas had passed a resolution on the proper burial of indigents (including Veterans), and that we as a Veteran service organization can help properly honor deceased Veterans by providing military honors during internment;
 - A university group may assist the Veterans by use of a ground penetrating radar to locate existing unmarked graves in the cemetery;
 - The Veteran groups will designate plats in the cemetery for new graves.

- The post needs volunteers for County Cemetery Committee. Don Karasek, Bud Mackey, Charles Miles, Ora Miles, Teresa Ferguson, Wyndell Ferguson volunteered to be members of the committee.
- Keith Brown asked if the Investment Review Committee had any results to report. Bud stated some research had been completed, but the report is not complete. Due to other commitments, Amy asked to be removed from the committee. Commander Karasek agreed and appointed Ora Miles and James Council to the committee.

New business included:

- The Post discussed putting the financial report on the webpage. Bud Mackey moved “***The financials will not be posted on the website.***” Don Karasek seconded the motion. Amy Burton amended the motion to state “***The financial reports will not be posted on the website, but they will be made available to Post members upon request.***” Ora Miles seconded the Amendment. The amendment passed by voice vote. The amended motion passed by voice vote.
- Commander Karasek announced the post has new business cards.
- Bud Mackey moved the post make an initial purchase of 20 lapel flags and pins for new members. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. Commander Karasek announced he will place the order.
- Bud Mackey will schedule a financial audit meeting. Attendees will include James Council & Willie Wooten as Post Trustees and Keith Brown as Judge Advocate.
- Charles Miles moved the Post donate \$50 towards to Masonic Lodge for the benefit of the Lupus Foundation. Wyndell Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Service Officer Amy Burton:
 - Announced she is applying for a Lamar County VA Representative assistant position.
 - Announced Paris/Lamar County Health District & WIC Services has a health and family services directory.
See: <http://www.parislamarhealth.com/>
See: https://s3.amazonaws.com/dayoneweb/290/brochure_14_eng-span.pdf and
Living with Chronic Conditions: https://s3.amazonaws.com/dayoneweb/290/living_well_with_cdsmp_flyer.pdf
 - Announced a website dedicated to finding your veteran records.
See: <https://findmyveteranrecords.us/>
 - Announced the VA now provides a Video Hearing process for ***Board of Veteran’s Appeals*** hearings. A video hearing can potentially save the expense of a trip to Washington DC.
See: <https://www.bva.va.gov/docs/BVA-VideoHearing-508version.pdf>

- Other:
 - Unclaimed prizes from the Post's County Fair Booth were awarded by a drawing from those attending. Winners were James Council and Charles Miles.

For "the good of the Legion" included:

- Amy Burton volunteered 26 hours.
- Bud Mackey volunteered 12 hours.
- Charles Miles volunteered 46 hours.
- Don Karasek volunteered 40 hours.
- James Council volunteered 20 hours.
- Keith Brown volunteered 62.25 hours; donated \$20 in cash, \$5.20 in printing costs, and \$56.68 for Post 30 business cards.
- Kip McClinchie volunteered 6 hours.
- Mike Hanlon volunteered 3 hours.

Chaplain Mike Hanlon made the benediction.

Commander Karasek adjourned the meeting.

Signed: _____ (Commander)

Signed: _____ (Adjutant)

Dated: _____