



American Legion
Department of Texas
Brown/Guest Post 30 Paris, TX

Meeting Date: January 16, 2021

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the United Pentecostal Church at 1005 hours.

Present: 18 members and 5 guests. See Attached List.

SGT at Arms posted the colors.

Chaplain made the opening prayer.

Commander lead members in POW/MIA ceremony.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members recited the Preamble of the American Legion.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read roll call of Officers:

Commander - present

1st Vice Commander – present

2nd Vice Commander – present

Adjutant – present

Finance Officer – present

Chaplain – none

Judge Advocate – excused

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer – present

Sgt at Arms – absent

Web Master – excused

Hub Master – present

Historian – present

1st Trustee - present

2nd Trustee – present

November, December, Executive, and Special Minutes stand approved/corrected.

New Members/ Introduction of Guests: - Elroy Theye, Bruce Miller, and Pat Wilson

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: Information given regarding making an appointment at Red River Valley Veterans Memorial office for assistance with claims, Triwest, and any needs for veterans, see attached.

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Wyndell Ferguson: membership status and Boys State, Post 30 #1 in district, see attached.

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: finance report read

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: next fundraiser undecided at this time, input and ideas from membership requested.



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Balloting on Applications: Don Karasek and Stephen Agee accepted into post with unanimous vote.

Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: Member, Stephanie Griffin's spouse deceased. Member, Charles Miles uncle deceased. Member, Annette Perry's grandmother deceased. Member, Kip McClinchie has Covid. Member, Keith Brown's spouse continues to have complications in health. Members, Amy Burton and Ronnie Morton, has daughters recovering from Covid.

Unfinished Business: - Boys State: 1 male from each school district and home school. Cost \$295.00 at convention and \$100.00 on Zoom. Also, need to include transportation and t-shirt budget. Decision made on virtual or present for Boys State will be made on March 15, 2021.

SOP read to membership by the commander.

Boys and Girls Club graduation scholarship discussed.

Initiation of Candidates: new members, Stephen Agee and Taylor Cook initiated, and member, Don Karasek renewed membership to the Post.

Correspondence by the Adjutant: 2 condolence letter sent, member Donald Howard and potential transfer, Perry Gaylor. Also, 142 letters sent to unrenewed members, Project Stay Active, and potential transfers.

New Business: Commander put to the floor for post to pay \$3000.00 for up to 5 males for Boys State. Bill Townsend made the motion and Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rick Leonhardt motioned SOP be approved. Bill Townsend 2nd. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Ronnie Morton motioned for post to donate \$300.00 to Boys and Girls Club graduation scholarship. Reginald Hughes 2nd. Charles Miles amended motion to \$500.00 to Boys and Girls Club. Ronnie Morton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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Ora Miles made the motion that the post donate \$100.00 monthly to the United Pentecostal Church where meetings are being held while the Elks Lodge is closed. Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles, Adjutant, put to the floor that the winners from the Red River Valley Fair where the post gives 5 free memberships to new members should change to winners having 60 days to attend a meeting and be initiated or forfeit the win. Commander, Wyndell Ferguson, put to the floor that this should be included at the fair and in congratulation letters so potential winners will be aware of stipulation. Bill Townsend made the motion. Ronnie Morton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Amy Burton, Service Officer, put to the floor that the Post sponsored the Merchant Marine Flag last year and interest in Post sponsoring this year. Rick Leonhardt made the motion. Reginald Hughes 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rick Leonhardt put to the floor a request to change banks. Will need a motion for authorized Financial Officer, Rick Leonhardt, to close Liberty bank account #501841 with EIN# 75-6036 and open an account at a different bank, possibly Guaranty Bank. Bill Townsend made the motion. Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Upcoming conferences will not need delegates due to being held on Zoom, per commander.

Commander appointed BK Moody as Interim Chaplain.

Discussion regarding getting a website domain for the post possibly through RRVVM. Amy Burton to pursue.

Auxiliary needs 10 adult members to start. Bonnie Dunken and Chrissy Moody will resource information.

Sons of American Legion requested by guests. Ronnie Morton will pursue.

Post needs Welcome committee and Buddy Check committee. Also, will need chair person and members on both committees.



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Discussion regarding a sign about the American Legion and other ways to make veterans and community aware of Post.

Good of the Legion: Paris Elks Lodge paid for a members dental work.

VA has Covid vaccines.

Amy Burton, Service Officer, reported that veterans going to the emergency room and/or being admitted, need to ensure that the hospitals are notifying the VA within 72 hours. There is a specific number that the hospitals are supposed to call for the VA.

Commander presented Charles Miles with his #20 recruiting pin.

Need microphone while meeting at the church so all members can hear the meeting. Ronnie Morton to pursue this matter.

Officers contact information to be put in new member kits.

Pictures of officers and commander and adjutants contact information to be displayed at Red River Valley Veterans Memorial office.

Paris Elks Club sent thank you letter for the Post donation to their Sweetheart Fund.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1130 hours.

Next meeting date: Feb 20, 2021

Ora Miles
Adjutant

Wyndell Ferguson
Commander