



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

Meeting Date: March 20, 2021

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1005 hours.

Present: 15 members and 3 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 – excused

Judge Advocate - present

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer – excused

Sgt at Arms - present

Web Master – excused

Hub Master - present

Historian - present

1st Trustee - present

2nd Trustee - present

January/Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

New Members/ Introduction of Guests: - Andy Lowen, Division Commander and Albert Spann, new member

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: none

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Reginald Hughes: Boys State & Girls State need to contact all schools.

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: finance report read, bank changed to Guaranty Bank, having a large check made for presenting monetary awards

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: New fundraiser – see attached

Balloting on Applications: New member approved by unanimous vote.



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Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: 1/19/21, Bonnie Dunken, spouse of member, Jeff Dunken, went to ER for chest pain. 1/25/21 Jeff Dunken, had a fire destroy his home. 1/28/21 Stephen Agee, had heart attack and 2 stents placed. Keith Brown's spouse still sick from chemotherapy. Chuck Walser had a car accident. Ronnie Morton blood pressure and heart rate elevated and is being monitored, also had to go to the ER on 3/20/21. Howard McComb, member, is having cataract surgery on 4-8-21 and will need a ride. Ronnie Morton agreed to transport.

Unfinished Business: - Paris News posted pictures for gun raffle winners and Elk Lodge Veteran breakfast.

Buddy checks to be coordinated by Reginald Hughes. Adjutant to order buddy check packages. Ronnie Morton checking on Nursing Home veterans post adopted.

Boys State approved for 5 males and we are able to do Girls Stated since we don't have an Auxiliary at this time. Girls state is virtual and cost is \$50 dollars each.

Bill Townsend to assist with website domain.

Information to the Annual Veterans Rally in memory of Morgan Dudley inquiry to be done by Ronnie Morton and Ora Miles.

Initiation of Candidates: Albert Spann sworn in and received new member kit and certificate.

Correspondence by the Adjutant: Kenneth Ormsbee, and Bill Townsend is PUFL.

New Business: Adjutant motioned that the post send a donation to the NAACP in lieu of no banquet this year due to Covid. Discussion ensued on amount. Ronnie Morton motioned to donate \$250 dollars, Ora Miles 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rick Leonhardt motioned that the post needs an LCD projector for use at meetings and for Zoom meetings. Cost 300 to 500 dollars for projector. Bill Townsend 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commander, Wyndell Ferguson, put to the floor need for post to purchase a web domain account. Will need security because information will be visible and it may



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be expensive. Kip McClinchie motioned the post purchase a Blue Sight Web per Keith Brown's recommendation. Bill Townsend 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

May 22nd Division Convention can have seven delegates. Bill Townsend motioned post to pay for registration fees. Ronnie Morton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Department Convention July 7th thru 11th. Post has seven delegates and membership need to attend on Sunday the 11th, even if not attending the other days. Ronnie Morton motioned the post to cover cost for commander and service officer for the week and on Saturday for up to 5 members. Also, motioned to cover cost of registration fee for all delegates. Registration cutoff Jun 15th. Bill Townsend 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Convention in August in Phoenix, AZ, post will not have any delegates or votes. Ronnie Morton motioned that post not pay any registration or cost. Kip McClinchie 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Amy Burton plans to attend and pay own costs.

Ora Miles reported Annual Post Data form due and opportunity to increase post membership fee's. Commander, Wyndell Ferguson, discussed the amount post actually receives vs amount going to State and National. Ora Miles motioned to increase dues to 40 dollars starting July 1st 2021. Mac Hutchings 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bill Townsend put to the floor that the post sponsor Boy Scouts. No information at this time and Bill Townsend will pursue.

Good of the Legion: Andy Lowen, Division Commander, congratulated Post 30 on being #1 on membership in the district. Also, Andy Lowen will be running for Department Commander.

Customs and Courtesies: The American Legion Cap, and Meaning for the reasons of the Preamble up to #4 instructions given by Wyndell Ferguson.

Instructions on addressing the podium and saluting the colors given by Wyndell Ferguson.

Post received the district traveling membership award.

Post received a certificate of appreciation for attaining membership number.

Post received the bobble head award.

Charles Miles received district legionnaire of the year.



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Commander discussed possibly getting the “Traveling Wall” to present at our post, but it will have to be inside.

Department commander gets free ice and meat and possibly donating to Boys & Girls club.

Commander discussed the “Hundred Miles of Hope” and adjutant to send email to membership.

List of bills that will affect veterans currently being researched.

Commander reported new training online. Also, a handout of training sites given to membership.

New district officers – see attached.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1200 hours.

Next meeting date: April 17, 2021

Ora Miles
Adjutant

Wyndell Ferguson
Commander