



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

Meeting Date: 21 Aug 2021

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1000 hours.

Present: 14 members and 6 guest. 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/Hub Master – present

Finance Officer – present

Chaplain – excused

Judge Advocate – present

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer – present

Sgt at Arms – present

Web Master – excused

Historian – present

1st Trustee - Jeff Dunken, present

2nd Trustee – Wyndell Ferguson, excused

July executive and monthly Minutes stand approved/corrected.

New Members/ Introduction of Guests: - Bonnie Dunken, Donna Howard, Thomas Day, Clifford Dougherty, Frank Oneil, Lisa Walton

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: Veteran Disability License Plates not recognized after Sep 1st unless the handicap symbol is on the plates. Will have to use a placard. After Dec, veterans will need a letter from a doctor. See Attached.

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Bill Townsend: Every member is a recruiter & more members need to help with fundraising. Americanism training next meeting.

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: read report



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Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: Fundraising booth at Honda next week from 0900 to 1400 hrs to raise awareness of women veterans and voting. Need help working the booth from members. Honda will be providing burgers. Amy Burton reported no legion or any veteran organization may wear post uniforms.

Balloting on Applications: none, but Clifford Dougherty signed up to be a member after the meeting

Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: Keith Brown's spouse sick and Amy Burton had surgery.

Unfinished Business: Buddy Check packets passed out to members. Bill Townsend to assign names to members.

Lease or purchase a storage building still unfinished.

Bill Townsend reported PR committee and Press officer still needed and states officer needs to be computer literate. Reginald Hughes to pursue.

Legend nursing home veterans still need to be updated and checked on at least monthly.

Auxiliary has enough members to begin a chapter. Bonnie Dunken to pursue.

Celebration station was giving veterans free hamburgers every 3rd Sat while the Elks Lodge was closed but has discontinued at this time.

Initiation of Candidates: none

Correspondence by the Adjutant: ALEI training for all officers. Adjutant will assist anyone requiring or desiring help.

New Business: Bill Townsend motioned to table the lease or purchase of a storage building indefinitely. Ora Miles 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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Franklin Owen, Vietnam veteran and guest, presented some handicap signs and postage stamps for post to purchase. Signs help veterans, money is raised to prevent suicide in veterans. No race or religion specified. Spaces for veterans by veterans. Ora Miles made the motion, Rick Leonhardt 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Reginald Hughes will also check with the city of Paris.

Bill Townsend reported post could mentor boy scouts and no paperwork required since they are being sponsored by a local church. Amy Burton made the motion, Ora Miles 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ronnie Morton discussed possibly purchasing some God Bless Our Vets bumper stickers for motorcycles. No motion made.

Ora Miles motioned post donate \$250 dollars to Cottonwood Barn. Ronnie Morton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles put to the floor that the post give awards for police, firefighter, and EMT. Also, requested post to donate \$100 to the CWF. Amy Burton made the motion, Rick Leonhardt 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bill Townsend put to the floor for post to give eagle scout certificate and/or monetary gift of \$50 dollars. Ora Miles made the motion. Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles put to the floor for post to obtain and present the Valor of Honor Quilt to veterans with 50 or more years of membership. Amy Burton will discuss with George Wood and Johnny Williams.

Ora Miles put to the floor that the post start planning a Christmas award dinner for December 2021. Michael Covington made the motion. Rick Leonhardt 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ora Miles motioned post donate \$250 dollars to the Elks Lodge in December for the Sweetheart fund. Rick Leonhardt 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.



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Ronnie Morton motioned that the post should award the top fundraiser seller with a monetary prize of \$200. Amy Burton 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Good of the Legion: Post Facebook page has phone number for Dallas VA listed.

Keith Brown cannot send emails or make calls on his phone but can receive emails.

Fundraiser 12 dollars a plate for veteran marines from Paris Police Department to help with mental health services for other veterans.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1110 hours.

Next meeting date: 18 Sep 2021

Ora Miles
Adjutant

Reginald Hughes
Commander