



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

Meeting Date: 14 Oct 2021

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

Present: 13 members and 2 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 – excused

Adjutant/Hub Master - present

Finance Officer – present

Chaplain - present

Judge Advocate - present

All present and/or accounted.

Service Officer - excused

Sgt at Arms - present

Web Master - excused

Historian - present

1st Trustee - Jeff Dunken, present

2nd Trustee – Wyndell Ferguson, excused

September Executive & monthly minutes, and October Executive Minutes stand approved/corrected.

Introduction of Guests/Prospects/New Members: Frank Owens

Officer Reports and Committees:

Veterans Affairs and Service Officer, Amy Burton: changes coming to the VA's Community Care program, see attached link to nominate veteran for quilts of valor.

Membership and Post Activities/Americanism, Bill Townsend: 50% membership was met. Next goal for membership is 65% for November.

Budget and Finance, Rick Leonhardt: report read

Fundraising, Ronnie Morton: Charles Miles reported going forward, fundraiser committee will need more assistance from officers and membership.



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Balloting on Applications: none

Sick call, Relief, and employment by the Chaplain: in contact with Patricia Fuller at Legends Nursing home for an updated list of veterans the Post can adopt.

Unfinished Business: Fundraiser ticket drawing on November 11th at the Elks Lodge at 1800 hrs.

Christmas Award and Dinner Banquet on Dec 16th at 1800 hrs.

Link provided by Service Officer, Amy Burton, to nominate veterans for Quilt of Valor.

Finance records need to be divided into 3 categories: Membership, Poppies, and Fundraiser.

Re-vote for number of members needed at fundraiser booths with guns present and the requirements of different locations guidelines allowing 2-3 members present. Will pursue when 2nd Vice Commander, Ronnie Morton, is present.

Initiation of Candidates: none

Correspondence by the Adjutant: Thank you card from Cottonwood Barn and thank you letter from Red River Valley Fair Association for being a Bronze sponsor. Members who haven't renewed since 2020, can pay for 2022 and receive credit for 2021 also.

New Business: Bill Townsend made a motion to increase the post's funeral expense from \$50.00 to \$150.00 due to increased cost of flowers. Kip McClinchie 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote. SOP will be updated.

Motion needed for post to decide whether to purchase a double sided banner or two individual banners. Motion tabled for now and prices will be checked.

Ora Miles made a motion for post to purchase various cards to send to the Legends Nursing Home veterans adopted by post. Rick Leonhardt amended



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motion to not exceed \$200.00 annually. Michael Covington 2nd. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Good of the Legion: Kelly Collins recommended pursuing awards for the Honor Society to reach the younger generation. He will gather information regarding this.

Upcoming events: possible fundraiser booth on Oct 30 at Air Show in Bonham TX, fundraiser on November 7th at RRVVM at 1400 hrs, and fundraiser ticket drawing on November 11th at the Elks Lodge at 1800 hrs. Also, on Oct 30th, Troop 6002, Eagle Scout ceremony for William Davis Kuebler, will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 270 20th Street, NE at 1400 hours and Post will present a check to him for \$50.00

Boys & Girls Club having veterans visiting after school at 1630 on Veterans Day and Reginald Hughes needing membership to volunteer and will pursue as to how many and the time of visitation.

Bill Townsend reported the Traveling Wall will be in Sulphur Springs Nov 4th thru 7th at the High School football stadium, open 24 hours and leaving at 1400 on the last day.

Bill Townsend reported there will be a training on Jan 8, 2022, for Phase 3 of the American Legion College. Requirements are having the Basic Training online and Phase 1 & 2 completed prior.

Closing Ceremony: Closing prayer given by Chaplain.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1035 hours.

Next meeting date: 20 Nov 2021

Ora Miles
Adjutant

Reginald Hughes
Commander