

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

Meeting Date: 20 Aug 2022

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

Present: Members and guest, see attached list.

Sergeant at Arms posted Colors.

Chaplain made opening prayer.

Members recited 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.

| Present | Vice Commander | Present |
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| Out with COVID | Finance Officer | Present |
| Present | Judge Advocate | Present |
| Present | Sgt at Arms | Present |
| Family Funeral | Historian | Present |
| Present | Trustee 2 | Present |
| | Out with COVID Present Present Family Funeral | Out with COVID Finance Officer Present Judge Advocate Present Sgt at Arms Family Funeral Historian |

A quorum is present.

Previous Executive Board Minutes & Previous Post Meetings minutes from Jun read and accepted. No July meetings due to State Convention.

Introduction of Guests/Prospects & New Members:

New Applicants: Transfer from New Hampshire, pending verification and Membership number.

Report of Officer's & Committees:

- Americanism Committee
- Membership & Post Activities: At 30% needs to be at 50%.
 Discussed selling tickets at the Red River Fair and new location.
 New manager at WalMart will check into selling and Poppies there.
- Budget & Financial Report: Discussed ideas for fund raising. \$23,096.77 current balance

- Ways & Means Committee
- Veterans Affairs & Service Officer: Amy presented report on VA Contentions going through a call center now. Urgent calls transferred to nurse. Discussed Missing in America Program. Had an interview with East Texas Broadcast regarding role of Red River Valley Veterans Memorial.
- Media & Communications Committee none
- Selection Committee none

Balloting on Applicants: None

Sick Call, Relief and employment by Chaplain. Adjutant COVID; Hubmaster family funeral; George Henkey under the weather; Memorial Service for William "Bill" Smith; Reggie Hughes mother passed away;

Unfinished Business:

- State Convention reports given and attached to minutes.
- Red River Fair, sign up sheets being created. Form for membership giveaways created.

Initiation of Candidates, none

Correspondence by the Adjutant: none

New Business:

- A motion was made to organize and start an American Legion Auxiliary. Discussed requirements to get it started. Bonnie Dunken is working with the Auxiliary leadership. Applications for joining are available from her or the Adjutant. Motion passed unanimously.
- Oratorical package is being sent to the local high schools and homeschooling contact.
- Motion was made and seconded to have a budget created by the financial committee. Motioned Passed.
- SOP amendments were read, discussed and voted on. Passed.
 - \$500 max for Scholarships
 - \$500 max for donations.
 - Awardees responsible for taxes.
 - Forms to be completed for donations and scholarships available from the finance officer.
 - Essay required.

Good of the Legion?

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain.

There being no further business.

Sgt of Arms retired colors.

Commander adjourned the meeting at: 1130

Next meeting will be: 17 Sep 2022.

Wyndell Ferguson Adjutant

Bill Townsend

Commander