



**American Legion Post 326
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Date: October 2018

Subject: Minutes of General Membership Meeting, 3 October 2018

Opening Ceremonies

Commander Mike Jackson led the membership with the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. He then confirmed with the Sergeant –at-Arms that we had a quorum.

Chaplain Emmett Thomason presented the Invocation.

He called the meeting to order at 1903 hours.

Introduction of Guests & Recognitions

Special Guests included USAF Veteran Patty Standing, guest of Rebecca Larson and USA Veteran and new member Adam Jolliff.

Executive Committee Status Reports

-Commander Jackson spoke about the agenda of the evening and told the members about various documents on each of the tables.

-Commander Jackson asked for a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Tom Harder and was seconded by Floyd Clark. The motion to suspend reading of the minutes was passed by voice vote.

-Commander Jackson asked for the report from Service Officer Bob Jordon. Service Officer Jordan stated there was nothing to report.

-Finance Officer Tom Harder presented the following report:

As of October 1, 2018, our Post 326 Operating Account has a total of \$11,912.27 which is very close to the same amount it had at this time in 2017.

The Scholarship Account has a total of \$6,500 after paying out eight \$500 college grants for JROTC high School Seniors and four \$1,000 grants to student veterans. We expect to pay out another \$5,500 in grant monies to five additional student veterans and one JROTC Senior

between now and the end of 2018. During the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, Post 326 plans to distribute a total of \$28,000 in Scholarship Grants.

The Golf Account currently has \$467 in seed money for the May 9th Golf Tournament fundraising efforts which have already begun.

The Savings Account currently has \$70,266.24 generating only \$0.35 per day or \$10.50 per month. We are considering purchase of another \$15,000 Certificate of Deposit at 2.5% dividend rate for a 2-year period which would generate about \$31.35 per month.

Currently, we have three \$15,000 Certificates of Deposit with maturity dates scattered between July 2019, and March 2021. They are generating a total of about \$66.32 per month or about \$796 per year income to our coffers. This will potentially allow us to donate an additional scholarship grant or another veteran-related activity during 2019.

Completed and submitted our Fiscal Year 2017 Post 326 Annual IRS 990-EZ Report plus Schedule "O" Form on September 23rd. Based upon these documents, as of August 31st, our Post has a financial net worth of \$134,377.

-Golf Tournament Co-Chair Dr. Ron Streid reported the Golf Tournament is scheduled at Onion Creek Club on May 9, 2019.

-Membership Committee Chairman, Historian, and Webmaster Robert J. "Bob" Pillmore was not in attendance.

-Adjutant Ken Roe had nothing to report.

-High School Scholarships and Boys/Girls State Chairman Dr. Ron Streid stated that Bob Jordan will be assisting with both high school scholarships and Boys/Girls State.

-Veterans Scholarship and Charitable Contributions Chairman Bill Welch was not in attendance.

-Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl reported on the Annual Veteran's Day parade in Austin. Those interested in participating should contact Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl or Commander Mike Jackson. The Sergeant-at-Arms also reported we will be participating in the Annual Fort Hood Turkey Distribution. Contact Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl or Finance Officer Tom Harder for more information.

-Chaplain Emmett Thomason asked to be notified of any member that is ill or passes away.

-Commander Jackson reported that he had received thank you notes for our donations to Healing with Horses (\$300), and the USO (\$500).

-Member Rebecca Larson notified us of the following upcoming events sponsored by the University of Texas Student Veterans Association:

- Tailgate Party for the UT Military Appreciation Game on November 3.
- End of Semester Party which will be held in December.

Guest Speaker

Air Force Veteran Rebecca Larson was our guest speaker. Ms. Larson discussed how important the Veterans Scholarship which she received from Post 326 has assisted her in pursuing her studies in Astronomy and Physics. She also discussed her pursuit of her PhD in Astronomy and some of the specific astronomical items she is studying and researching and linked how important receiving the Veterans Scholarship is to accomplishing her goals.

Announcements

The next Executive Committee meeting is Wednesday November 7, 2018 at 1630 hours in the small dining room at OCC.

- Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Hohl conducted the raffle.
- Chaplain Emmett Thomason conducted the closing prayer.
- Commander Jackson adjourned the meeting at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Roe
Adjutant