



# ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION

## POST 326

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### Executive Committee Meeting on 18 January 2022 at 1900 hour Meeting by Video Conferencing

#### Attendance

Bob Pillmore	√	Stan Lipinski	√	Tom Harder	√
Bill Welch	A	Mike Jackson	√	Bob Caudill	√
Larry Hohl	√	Chuck Teague	√	Jerry Patterson	√
Ron Dubois	√	Emmett Thomason	√		
Debbie Dubois	√				

**A** = Absent

**N** = Unable to attend

**√** = Present

**G** = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Commander Stan Lipinski. The meeting agenda is attached

#### • Officer Reports

##### ○ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Mike Jackson

- Mike has begun creating the Sign-Up Genius invitation for the February General Membership meeting and expects to complete it following this meeting.
- Mike will update the display case at the Onion Creek Club but needs help opening the lock.

##### ○ Adjutant and Webmaster: Bob Pillmore

- Meeting Minutes for the past two EC meetings, that have been reviewed, and updated and posted to the website needed approval. Bob Caudill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, there was a second by Mike Jackson and the minutes were approved by voice vote.
- Ron DuBois has taken over the membership processing duties which includes managing the Post's local membership data, managing the Post's Legion database and mailing out membership cards.
- We are currently processing three new membership applications:
  - Ryan Anderson has submitted an application and DD214 and we are awaiting his payment of dues before his application can be finalized.
  - Tom Locke who lives in Onion Creek has submitted an application and we are awaiting his DD214 and Dues.
  - Dale Eichmann has expressed an interest in joining and Jerry will follow up with him.
- Bob Jordan and Bob Campos will be transferring their membership to a local posts in Arkansas and Dripping Springs respectively.
- The annual Consolidated Post Report will be due soon. Bob will send out copies to the EC for help in their respective areas of responsibility.

- Website:
      - The Meeting Minutes page was up to date prior to the meeting. The minutes just approved need to be changed from Draft to approved status.
      - Bob asked the EC members to review the website and provide updates for their areas of responsibility.
      - We need someone to take on the HS Scholarship responsibility and make sure the applications and other information are updated for this year. Stan stated that he has a potential candidate, and he will follow up on that.
  - **Finance Officer: Tom Harder**
    - Tom Harder has restated that he has met his commitment of completing the prior year's tax return prior to retiring as Finance Officer.
    - The IRS form 990 was submitted on January 12, 2022. Since the IRS has changed their rules now requiring the forms to be submitted online by a certified tax preparer, Tom contracted with Rupert & Associates as the cost of \$300 to perform that service.
    - Bob Pillmore asked that Tom provide him with a copy of the final forms for historical records.
    - Tom's Finance Officer's Report is attached.
    - There was a discussion of potential fund-raising activities. Stan stated that the plan was to start an Operation Jumpstart for 2022 as well as an fall golf tournament. Tom offered to contribute \$1000 for Operation Jumpstart.
    - Tom advised that he issued a check for payment of the Post P.O. Box.
  - **Membership Recruiting – Jerry Patterson**
    - Our recruiting flyer was included in the Onion Creek newsletter and has produced no phone calls or emails to date. There have been three applications or inquiries generated on the Post website since the campaign has begun. Jerry will follow up on those.
    - Jerry is unable to determine whether the Facebook ad has produced any results. He saw the add several times after it was first posted, but not since.
    - Bob Pillmore pointed out that the Post Facebook page is not being updated. Jerry Patterson volunteered to take that on. Bob will provide access to Jerry.
    - Jerry has copies of the flyer. Bob will post the flyer on the Members Only and Membership pages of the website.
- **February General Membership Meeting**
  - Jerry has obtained a donation of 2 cases of wine from a supplier that can transfer the wine to OCC for our use. Jerry will follow the transfer to OCC to assure it will be available for the meeting.
  - The date and time are set. February 15, 7:00 PM.
  - After a meeting with OCC it was stated that there could be a charge for the facility of up to \$350 depending on the amount of food purchased.
  - There was a discussion of whether the theme should be a wine tasting or a wine social. It was decided that a wine social would be better since we were not sure what wine would be provided and we would need someone to talk about the wine.
  - There was a discussion about using the meeting as a recruiting tool and suggest that the members invite potential members to join us.
  - There was a general agreement that we need a speaker, whether it is about the wine or otherwise. Jerry offered to speak on "What they didn't teach you about Texas history in school", if we could not find a speaker on wine.
  - We will initially plan for 30 people. The maximum for the room is 40.

- The agreed price would be \$20 per person. If a guest joins the cost of the meal would be reimbursed.
- Chuck Teague raised the issue that we are in a Covid Stage 5 Risk level and questioned whether we should be holding the meeting.
- We will check with OCC and if there are restrictions we will reschedule.
  
- **April General Membership Meeting**
  - Larry or Stan will look into availability of the Buda Senior Center.
  - Emmitt suggested a potential speaker who he knows who takes groups to Normandy. He will check availability on April 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mike will check with OCC on available dates.
  
- **Newsletter**
  - Stan asked each board member to submit an article for the newsletter by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob Pillmore will coordinate with Cathy Miller. The goal is to have the Newsletter issued by February 1.
  
- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert Pillmore  
Adjutant

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## AGENDA

### ZOOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2022

0. Officer Reports
  - 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Commander
  - Adjutant
  - Finance Officer
  - Judge Advocate
  - Chaplin
  - Committee Reports
1. January Recruiting Drive: Jerry Patterson
  - Update
2. February General Membership Meeting: Valentine's Day Party
  - Good News!! Jerry Patterson
  - February 15, 2022 OCC
  - Guest Speaker
3. Determine General Membership for April
4. Newsletter Article Due: Board Members
5. New Business

## Finance Officer's Report

### Post 326 Financial Position as of January 20:

\* Our **Operating Account** contained a total of **\$4,688.35** after receiving **\$996 in Membership Dues**, a **\$200 Gift Donation for Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys**, and **\$42 from Bank Interest/C.D. Dividends** since September 1, 2021.

Because the Executive Committee approved payment of budget-approved **Charitable Donations** on January 18th, I have sent out six **\$500 checks to Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for Vets, R.O.C.K. Healing With Horses Ranch** (Equine-assisted Programs for Veterans), **Honor Flight Austin Project**, and three Texas **Fisher Houses (Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Lackland/Randolph AFBs, and Fort Hood Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center)**. As a result, our current **Operating Account totals \$1,688.35**.

\* **Other Charitable and Administrative Expenditures** during September through January 18th totaled **\$2,962** (**\$953 for Legionnaire Newsletters/ Fliers; \$498 for Wreaths Across America; \$465 for Membership Dues to A.L. Texas/National Headquarters; \$431 for Meetings at OCC; \$277 for GoDaddy Website, Builder Software, & .ORG Licensing; \$150 for F7 Group Foundation to "Feed First Responders"; \$130 for Manchaca Post Office Box Annual Rental; and \$58 for Postage.**)

\* Our **Scholarship Account** currently contains **\$2,000** after sending **\$8,000 in Veterans Grants to four (4) Students** in support for the Fall and Winter Semesters attending Texas State University. Also, **\$1,500** has been sent to Texas A&M University in support of **two (2) JROTC High School Graduates**.

\* The **Operations Savings Account** has **\$61,769.11** after the transfer of **\$5,500** to the Scholarship Account.

\* The **Investment Fund** has a single 0.15% C.D. currently valued at **\$20,202.17**, generating about **\$8/month**.

\* **Post 326 now has a Total Value of ~\$85,660, down ~\$12,441 since August 31, 2021. The Executive Committee is working on several potential fundraising activities starting in February.**

**Submitted by Tom Harder**