



AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

22 July 2021

Acting Commander Stan Lipinski called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM. In attendance were 13 members (see attached list). Emmitt Thomason gave the benediction. Stan Lipinski led the Pledge of Allegiance. John Shanahan read the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.

Mike Jackson, Sergeant at Arms, verified that a quorum was present. He then called roll of officers present.

Bob Pillmore advised the Post that the minutes of the last general meeting were posted on the Post website. The minutes were unanimously approved by those present

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adjutant - Bob Pillmore

- The final membership count for 2021: 118
- Membership renewals for 2022 began on July 1
- Members renewed for 2022 to date: 38

Webmaster:

- The website has been updated to reflect Ron Stried's departure and Stan Lipinski serving as Acting Commander
- Meeting Minutes have been posted for all meetings prior to July 14th. The minutes for the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 14th are out for Executive Committee review.
- The Events Calendar has been updated for all currently scheduled meetings.

Financial Report – Tom Harder

- Tom presented the report that is attached.

High School Scholarship Chairman – Bob Jordan

- The annual budget was for \$8000 or 8 scholarship awards.
- Due to issues associated with the Covid pandemic, the school counselors only submitted 2 applications, both of which were selected for award. To Date, only one of the two students has met the requirements for disbursement of funds this period.

Sergeant At Arms – Mike Jackson

- Several of the members present attended to Flag Day flag retirement ceremony at the Manchaca Fire Department.
- The Post once again co-hosted the July 4th Onion Creek parade with the Onion Creek HOA. The flags on Onion Creek Parkway were installed and removed by Mike Jackson, Larry Hohl and Bob Pillmore with assistance from Tammy Jackson. This years parade included a Commemorative Air Force flyover partially funded by the Post.

Service Officer – Bill Baran: Nothing to report

Fund Raising Chair – Stan Lipinski

- Total funds raised to date are \$12,625.



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- Additions funds raised from Craigo's Pizza & Pastaria cannot be determined at this time.

Veteran Scholarships – Bill Welch: Reported by email

- Two new veteran scholarships were awarded to:
 - Jeffery Swaim – Attending Texas State
 - Adam Demshar – Attending Texas State.
- Distribution of scholarships for this year total \$8,000.
- There was a discussion regarding making recipients members of the Post. This was done in the past. It was felt that we should reinstate the program to bring in some additional members.

Texas Boys State – Stan Lipinski

- The Post sponsored two students from Hays High School, Caleb Vernal and Lucas Holloway. There was interest from Lehman HS but the applications were not entered in time. Boys State was conducted virtually again this year. The Texas Department of the American refunded \$300 in over payment of fees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- The Executive Committee was unable to fill a complete slate of nominations for the 2021-2022 year. The proposed nominations were as follows:

Commander:	Stan Lipinski
First Vice Commander:	Mike Jackson
Second Vice Commander	Larry Hohl
Adjutant:	OPEN
Finance Officer:	OPEN
Sergeant-at-Arms	OPEN
Service Officer	Bill Baran
Historian	Bob Pillmore
Chaplain	Emmitt Thomason
At-Large	Bob Caudill
At-Large	Bill Welch

- The floor was opened for nominations for the open positions and no nominations were received. The members were advised that without officers in the critical positions, Adjutant, Finance Officer and Sergeant-at-Arms, the Post would lose its charter and cease to exist.
- There was a discussion of options for continuation of the Post and a motion was made to request a suspension of the Post charter while options for continuation were explored. The motion was seconded by Bob Jordan and the motion was approved by voice vote.
- Following the vote further discussion of the implications of suspension of charter followed addressing concerns of how membership and the assets of the Post would be affected. There was concern that the funds would go to the American Legion and members would be transferred to other Posts, though no one could say for sure what would follow.
- Jerry Patterson made a motion that the motion just passed be open for reconsideration. That motion was seconded by Tom Harder and passed by voice vote.
- During further discussion of the now open original motion, Bob Pillmore suggested that the motion for suspension be voted down and the election be reopened with some members willing to serve on a conditional and temporary basis be elected so that the Post would have the opportunity to investigate options for continuation or orderly closure of the Post. The original motion was voted on and was not approved.
- The nominations were reopened, and the following members agreed to accept the conditional nominations:
 - Adjutant – Bob Pillmore
 - Finance Officer – Tom Harder



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- Sergeant-at-Arms – Mike Jackson
- Historian – Jerry Patterson.
- A vote was taken on paper ballots and the following officers were elected for 2021-2022
 - Commander: Stan Lipinski
 - First Vice Commander: Mike Jackson
 - Second Vice Commander: Larry Hohl
 - Adjutant: Bob Pillmore
 - Finance Officer: Tom Harder
 - Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Jackson
 - Service Officer: Bill Baran
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AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

- The American Legion requested that all posts make changes to their Constitution and By-Laws to allow virtual meetings under conditions that did not allow in person meetings. The suggested text is attached to these minutes.
- Bob Pillmore made a motion to accept the changes as proposed. The motion was seconded by Tom Harder.
- During discussion it was suggested that we expand to option for virtual meetings to non-emergency conditions. Bob pointed out that any changes to the scope of the amendment would have to be approved by the District and if rejected would require a re-vote to accept the original wording. He suggested that the Post approve the current wording and if the Post wanted to expand the scope, propose it as a separate amendment.
- A vote was taken and the amendment was approved as written.

There being no further business, Stan thanked everyone for participating, thanked the officers for their service, and adjourned the meeting.

Robert Pillmore
Adjutant.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Baran – Service Officer
Bob Campos
Bob Caudill – At-Large Member of the EC
Ron Dubois
Tom Harder – Finance Officer
Mike Jackson – Sergeant at Arms
Bob Jordon
Bob Larsen
Stan Lipinski – First Vice Commander, Acting Commander
Jerry Patterson
Bob Pillmore - Adjutant
Charles Teague
Emmitt Thomason - Chaplain



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 22 July 2021

Section 5. At least four members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Post.

Section 6. In the event a public emergency or natural disaster makes the holding of an in-person meeting unlawful or impossible, the post may conduct its meeting by electronic or other remote access means as reasonably necessary for the duration of the emergency or disaster.

- a.* The post shall use its best efforts to implement any such virtual meetings with full regard for the need to maintain as much as possible accessibility for all members, including those with disabilities and those who lack the access to sophisticated technology.
- b.* Any action that could be taken at an in-person meeting, including amendment of the constitution and by-laws, may also be taken at a virtual meeting held pursuant to this provision.
- c.* Any action taken at any such virtual meeting shall be ratified at the first regular in-person post meeting.
- d.* During a virtual meeting, the post adjutant shall ensure that all participants are members in good standing and that a quorum is present.
- e.* The post commander shall determine the need for a virtual meeting.
- f.* If there is a vote, the Adjutant must make a record of the vote and ensure that every voter is sufficiently identified and a member of the Post in good standing.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Checking Account	\$12,104	
Scholarship Account	\$3,405	
Savings Account	\$64,736	
Investment Account {CD}	\$29,190	Matures in 2 weeks, Will move to Saving

Total Financial Assets **\$100,434**

EXPENSES TO DATE

Scholarships	\$20,500
Donations	\$5,700
Operating Expenses	\$3,463

Total Expenses **\$29,663**

INCOME TO DATE

Donations	\$12,725
Membership Renewals	\$2,300
Other Income	\$809

Total Income **\$15,809**