



ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION

POST 326

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS SINCE 1985

Executive Committee Meeting on 3 May 2022 at 1900 hour
Meeting by Video Conferencing

Attendance

Bob Pillmore	√	Stan Lipinski	√	Jerry Patterson	A
Bill Welch	A	Mike Jackson	√	Bob Caudill	√
Larry Hohl	√	Tom Brotherton	√	Ed Carr	G
Ron Dubois	√	Emmett Thomason	A	Dennis Nihiser	G
Debbie Dubois	√	Vicki Johnston	G	Burdell Jaacks	G

A = Absent

N = Unable to attend

√ = Present

G = Guest

The online meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commander Stan Lipinski. The meeting agenda is attached

- **Officer Vacancies:** Commander Lipinski asked for nominations for the open officer positions. None wanted to be Commander and Stan does not feel that he is the right person to fill the position. Mike Jackson agreed to run for First Vice-Commander though he has little time to dedicate to the Post at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of members willing to take an active role in the management of the Post. There was a discussion of if the Post survived, what would the Post do as a Post. Bob Pillmore reviewed the Consolidated Post report and how little the Post participated in American Legion sponsored programs. This has been true historically in the Post, the primary focus of the post being high school graduate scholarships and more recently, support of veterans returning to college. There was a discussion of the lack of response to our efforts to recruit members.

The bottom line of all of the discussion was that without membership participation in the management of the Post, the Post cannot continue.

There was some discussion of the Post's financial obligations if the Post were to close. There were no High School scholarships awarded this year. Bill Welch needs to let us know if there are any veteran scholarship obligations for the next school year. If so we have to either pay the scholarships in full and waive the requirements for proof of attendance or we could set up a simple trust to manage distribution of the funds.

Bob Pillmore will check with the bank to confirm who besides Bob and Tom Harder have signature authority.

- Bob Pillmore reported that the minutes for the previous executive committee and general membership meeting have been posted to the website for review. Mike Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Stan Liipinski seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.
- **Officer Reports**
 - **Finance Officer: Bob Pillmore (acting)**
 - Bob Pillmore shared the budget vs actual expenses to date (see attached). Everything is tracking per budget with the exception of Operation Jumpstart 2022 which is on hold.
 - Bob Shared the Balance sheet listing bank balances and which included \$1,178 in the Post PayPal account. The assets totaled \$87,803.60. Liabilities listed included \$4000 for veteran scholarship, which needs to be verified with Bill Welch. There is \$1000 for HS Scholarships which will go away if no high school scholarships are awarded this year. With the liabilities listed, the net assets are \$82,772.69.
 - Bob shared the Operation Jumpstart 2022 donations to date this year totaling \$2,636 20.
 - The Post has received a request to renew the bond covering the critical officers. The officers covered by the prior bond were Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer and Golf Tournament Chairman. Bob suggested renewing the bond, since it is a requirement of the American Legion and replacing the Golf Tournament Chair with the Judge Advocate.
 - **Adjutant and Webmaster: Bob Pillmore**
 - The Post membership now stands at 100.
 - The Post has received one new member request from the website.
 - **Website:** The minutes are up to date on the website. Today the high school scholarship information was updated with Tom Brotherton's contact information and the text of the application requirements was also updated for 2022 per Tom's input. The verbiage on the number of scholarships to be awarded was changed to *"up to 8 scholarships"*.
 - **Commander – Stan Lipinski**
 - Stan reported that the Post is supporting three local students to Texas Bous State that will be held on the UT campus. We had budgeted two but we agreed to sponsor a third. Bob acknowledged Stan for his effort to make this happen since all of the activity happened within a few days of the deadline. Stan pointed out that he is still working to complete the process after one of the applications was corrupted in transmission.
 - Stan attended the Akins, and Hayes HS to hand out JROTC medals.
- **April General Meeting**
 - The meeting is scheduled for April 5 in the Demerit Room at OCC. Emmitt has scheduled a speaker who hosts visits to Normandy and has lot of photography to share.
 - It was decided that we would follow the same format as the previous meeting.
 - There was discussion about using a phone tree to invite the membership to the meeting.
 - Bob Pillmore asked Mike what could be done to set up Sign-up-Genius to collect money with sign up. He said that there would be a cost per sign-up. The advantage would be that we would not incur the cost for last minute cancellations. Mike will get the details and get back to the EC.
 - Ron and Debbie will contact Curtis at OCC and review food and cost options for the April meeting. Mike will contact Sign-Up -Genius to look into collecting meeting charges during sign up.

- **July 4th Parade**
 - Bob Pillmore received an inquiry from the Onion Creek HOA regarding participation in the July 4th Parade. Bob replied that he was sure that the Post would participate at the same level as in the prior year and would get verification following the next executive committee meeting. Bob verified that the Post had budgeted \$150 to support the parade. Mike moved that the Post proceed with participation in the parade as was done in 2021. Bob seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.
 - It was suggested that Tony and Sue Nuccio be the Grand Marshals.

- **Navy League donation request:**
 - The Greater Austin Council of the Navy League has requested a donation to support their scholarship program and local Navy & Marine JROTC units. The Navy League has recently lost a large donor is looking for a means of support.
 - The EC supported the idea in principal but wanted to see a written request detailing the level of support requested. Bob Pillmore will follow up with the Navy League.

- **Consolidated Post Report**
 - The CPR is due in May. Bob reviewed the report in general and pointed out ho little of the AL programs that participated in. He will send in the report as required.

- **Memorial Day Flag Display**
 - Stan suggested that the Post put out flags on Onion Creek Parkway in honor of Memorial Day. Stan, Mike Jackson, Debbie & Ron, will meet at 9:00AM to put out the flags.
 - The newsletter articles should be in to Cathy Miller by March 25th. This is a hard date to allow Cathy time to complete the newsletter and get it mailed out.

- **Newsletter**
 - Articles will be due 15 May and will include: Commander's comments addressing the election and future of the Post, a finance report, meeting announcement, July 4th Parade, and Flag Day announcement.

- **Flag Day:**
 - Larry Hohl will arrange with the Manchaca Fire Department to conduct the Flag Retirement Ceremony on Wednesday, June 14th.
 - Mile Jackson will arrange to bring the flags.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully,

Bob Pillmore, Adjutant.

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AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 2022

1. June General Membership Meeting Election of Officers:
Nominations for Post Officers:
 - a. Commander
 - b. 1st Vice Commander
 - c. 2nd Vice Commander
 - d. Adjutant
 - e. Finance Officer
 - f. Judge Advocation
 - g. Sergeant at Arms
2. Officer Reports
3. July 4th Parade
4. Renewal of Bond for officers due May 22
5. Request from Navy League for a donation to support their High School Scholarship program and JROTC support.
6. Consolidated Post Report is due soon. As you can see the Post neither participates nor supports almost all of the Legion Programs. Please see attachment.
7. Texas Boys State 2022
8. New Business.

BALANCE SHEET

May 1, 2022

Assets

Cash	\$	-
Operating Account	\$	3,131.35
Operating Savings Account	\$	61,281.95
Scholarship Account	\$	2,000.00
6 Month Mini Certificate	\$	20,211.64
PayPal	\$	1,178.75
Accounts Receivable		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	87,803.69

Liabilities

Unfunded Veteran Scholarships	\$	4,000.00
Unfunded High School Scholarships	\$	1,000.00
Accounts Payable	\$	31.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	5,031.00

Net Worth	\$	82,772.69
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ONION CREEK AMERICAN LEGION
POST 326
2021-2022 BUDGET

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INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE
Membership Dues	\$ 4,553.00	\$ 2,230.00
GM Raffle Tickets (net)	\$ 300.00	
General Meetings	\$ -	\$ 700.96
C.D. dividends/ bank interest	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 55.72
Gifts/Memorials	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous		
Fund Raising - Operation Jumpstart 2022	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,636.20
GENERAL INCOME SUBTOTAL	\$ 21,053.00	\$ 5,622.88
From Saving	\$ 5,137.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 26,190.00	\$ 7,622.88
 EXPENSES		
CHARITABLE DONATIONS & AWARDS		
Wreaths Across America	\$ 500.00	\$ 498.00
Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Veterans Day Parade Fee	\$ 125.00	\$ -
Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for Vets	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Individual Veterans/Family Support	\$ 2,000.00	
Discretionary Charitable Donations	\$ 1,000.00	
Fisher House (3 Texas Locations)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Texas Boys State	\$ 650.00	\$ 990.00
USO at Fort Hood	\$ 300.00	
Flag Day Retirement Ceremony	\$ 100.00	
ROCK Veterans Equine Therapy	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Honor Flight Austin	\$ -	\$ 500.00
CHARITABLE DONATIONS EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 7,675.00	\$ 4,988.00
 H.S. SENIOR & VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS		
Grants for 2 Student Veterans	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
JROTC Scholarships for 8 H.S. Seniors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Veteran Employment Assistance	\$ -	
SCHOLARSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
 POST 326 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Meetings at OCC & A.L. Convention	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,068.65
Newsletter, P.O. Box, & Website	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,530.60
Veterans Recruiting	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,118.00
Membership Dues to TX/ National HQs	\$ 2,914.00	\$ 1,395.00
Office Supplies, Ink & Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 562.44
Decorations, Flower & Equipment	\$ 500.00	
Bank Fees & Miscellaneous	\$ 1.00	\$ 18.06
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TOTAL	\$ 8,515.00	\$ 5,692.75
 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR POST 326	 \$ 26,190.00	 \$ 15,680.75
 INCOME LESS EXPENSES	 \$ -	 \$ (8,057.87)

Name	2022 Donation	
Platinum		
Ron Stried	\$	1,000.00
Gold		
Silver		
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Corcoran	\$	300.00
Roland Greenwade	\$	250.00
Lee Woods	\$	250.00
JoAnn Nettles	\$	200.00
Janet Carrick	\$	200.00
Craigo's Pizza & Pasteria	\$	184.20
Ruth D. Gordon	\$	100.00
Bronze		
Vicki Johnston	\$	60.00
Julie Irwin	\$	46.00
Mike Jackson	\$	46.00
TOTAL	\$	2,636.20

