



AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020

Attendees

Ron Stried	x	Stan Lipinski	x	Tom Harder	x
Bill Welch	x	Mike Jackson	A	Richard Dietz	A
Larry Hohl	x	Bob Jordan	A	Bob Caudill	x
Bob Pillmore	x	Emmett Thomason	x	Adam Joliff	A
Cleo DeLeon	A				

A = Absent N = Unable to attend x = Present G = Guest

Commander Ron Stried called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by email and posted to the website..
- 2. Finance report:**
 - a. Tom Harder presented the budget vs actual to date (attached}. He forecast that the total expenses would not exceed \$35,000 of the \$42,750 budgeted.
 - b. Tom presented the following list of financial assets:

Velocity CU	Operating Account	\$2,700.98
Velocity CU	Savings	\$32,005.29
Velocity CU	Golf Account	Closed
Velocity CU	Scholarship Account	\$1,000.00
Investment Accounts		\$86,728.59
Total		\$122,434.86

The investment account consists of 2 ea. \$15,000 CD's, and 2 ea. \$20,000 CD's paying 1.25% - 2.5\$, Generating \$100.15 per month.

- c. Pending Expenses:
 - i. Donation to Project Hero: ~\$1,500
 - ii. HS Scholarship: Jacy Eaton (St. Edwards)
 - iii. Veteran Scholarship: Paul Ramdaross (TSU) \$1000
- 3. Bill Welch presented information on the approved support of Project Hero.** The Multi-day cycling event for injured veterans will stop their first night in Buda on March 30, where the Post will host dinner at 6:30PM. After comparing the cost and logistics for the Post hosting an evening dinner at OCC, he was able to get the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Buda to host the event at a cost of \$11.00 per attendee. The restaurant can support 90 attendees. The participants and support personnel total 50, allowing 40 additional attendees. We will invite the press and other community people and members of the Post. Members of the Post will pay \$11 each and the Post will pick up the rest of the tab.

In addition to the meal expense, the Post will charter a bus to transport the event participants from their hotel to the event and back.

Bill will prepare a press release to invite press participation.



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Bill will prepare an invitation to the Post membership to attend, limited to the number of remaining seats.

4. **Future Meetings, Speakers & Dates:** The following future Speakers were discussed:
 - a. Adam Joliff had gotten agreement from Dr. Aaron Ali to speak at our meeting on either April 9th or 16.
 - b. Bob Pillmore presented another option for April 15th. Marc Liebman, author and speaker, (see attached bio) will be in town for another commitment and is available to speak to the Post. His suggested topic is: Naval Lessons from American Revolution.
 - c. Bob Pillmore confirmed the OCC would be available on April 9 and April 15. After discussion of the two options the EC decided to invite Marc Liebman and ask Dr. Ali to speak at a later date.
 - d. Bob stated that for \$25.00 per person, OCC could provide a buffet meal of BBQ chicken , salad vegetables and a Chocolate cake desert. There would be an additional \$75 to cover the cost of a cash bar service.
 - e. The EC agreed to proceed on that basis.
5. **BINGO:** Stan Lipinski provided an update on the status of the Posts application for a Bingo license:
 - a. There is a requirement that all members of the board of the Post and the Bingo Chairman (Tom Harder) receive background checks. We will submit the principal members of the Executive committee: Commander, First Vice Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer. Stan will complete the application forms and submit them to the board members for signature.
 - b. There was a discussion of the bonding requirements to assure payment of the 5% payment to the City of Austin. Stan expects the amount of the bond to be \$5,000, which can be secured by a CD, Stan will investigate the exact requirements.
 - c. The application must include a Post Roster with Board Members identified. Bob Pillmore will prepare the roster and submit to Stan.
6. **Newsletter:** Newsletter articles need to be submitted to Cathy Miller with copy to Ron by 15 March.
7. **Committee Member Reports:**
 - a. **Adjutant:** Bob Pillmore reported that the current 2020 membership stands at 123, 82% of our goal and falling behind the Department targets.
 - b. **Service Officer:** Bob Jordan was not present
 - c. **Boys/Girls State:** The Post will sponsor and pay the registration fee for boys qualifying to attend Boys State. If we receive requests for girls wishing to attend Girls State, the Post will sponsor girls wishing to attend Girls State but will not cover the fees. Stan is in contact with Hays HS and Lamar HS.
 - d. **Webmaster:** Bill Welch pointed out errors in the scholarship paragraph of the Charitable Projects web page. Total Scholarships awarded to date



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indicates \$***,***, and should be \$325K. The annual data indicated is for 2012. Bob will update. Ron asked the EC members to review the website and provide Bob with input and suggestions.

e. Chaplain: Emmitt Thomason had nothing to report.

There being no further business, Commander Ron Stried adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM.

**Submitted by :
Bob Pillmore
Adjutant**