



AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 – EXEC COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 5, 2019

Attendees

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

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

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

- Minutes of previous meeting:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September EC meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bob Caudill and approved.
- Finance report:** Tom Harder was not present and a financial report was not available for discussion.
- Public Address System at OCC:** The PA system worked well for the October 30th meeting. The cord attaching the house speakers to the podium limits the location of the podium. Also, the video screen available to the club is too small. Bob Pillmore was authorized to purchase a longer cable and a larger video screen for future meetings.
- Meeting Speakers:** The committee agreed that we should pursue speakers that will bring in attendance similar to the Oct meeting. To give more flexibility in scheduling speakers, the Post will not follow a firm schedule of meetings but attempt to schedule the meetings based on availability of the speaker and the OCC facility. Several; potential speakers were suggested.
 Dr Aaron Ali: Adam Joliff will pursue.
 General Murray – Army Futures Command: Bill Welch will pursue
 Bob Cole (new Onion Creek resident):
 Charles Teague (Civil War): Possible June Meeting
 U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence (MEDCoE)
- October 30 Meeting Financials:** There were 73 reservations for the meeting of which 4 were guests of the Post. Of the 69 reservations 63 Meals were paid for, leaving 6 meals unpaid. Bill Welch paid for the 2 he was responsible for. The remaining unpaid reservations were Jerry Kerns (2), Juan Ortiz, and Fred Rogers. Discounting the meals for guests of the Post, the net deficit for the unpaid reservations amounts to \$81.54.
- OCC use of AL Flags:** The Post’s American and Texas flags were not available for the Oct. 30 meeting since OCC had loaned the flags out. Larry Hohl will work with OCC to get the flags back. To avoid this problem in the future, the Post needs to secure the flags off site.
- December Meeting/Party:** The Executive Committee decided not to hold the December meeting due to historically poor attendance.
- Meeting Meal Options:** Bob Pillmore spoke about the cost of meals at future meetings. To keep the cost down and give more flexibility he suggested that a buffet meal is significantly less expensive than a plated meal. It was agreed that we will try that at the next general meeting.



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9. **Veterans Day Parade:** After discussion of possible participants it was determined that three vehicles would participate. Larry Hohl will secure the flags. Mike Jackson will be responsible for the magnetic signs. Tom Harder has made the reservation for the parade and paid the fee.
10. **Fort Hood Turkeys:** Bob Caudill, Adam Jolliff and Larry Hohl will go to Fort Hood to deliver the turkeys.
11. **Fund Raising Campaign Ideas:**
 - Bingo: Bingo parlors are required to have a non-profit sponsor. Stan Lipinski stated that AMVETS sponsors Bingo and brings in \$12,000 annually with no participation other than being a sponsor. He will look into the Post sponsoring Bingo.
 - Bob Pillmore and Adam Jolliff will meet with Tony Nuccio to get his advise and recommendation on how we might pursue our major sponsors to our golf tournament for continuing with their donations.
 - BBQ Cookoff: Adam Jolliff suggested that we sponsor a BBQ cookoff and sell plates of BBQ. There was some discussion but the conclusion was that there was no interest in pursuing the idea.
12. **Membership:** Bob Pillmore reported that the current 2020 membership stands at 107, 72% of our gola and ahead of the Department targets.
13. **High School Scholarships:** Bob Jordan is meeting with JROTC leaders to assure that they get their applications in on time.

There being no further business, Commander Ron Stried adjourned the meeting at 5:45PM.



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