



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

12 July 2022

Commander Stan Lipinski called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were 5 members, 1 more than required for a quorum.

**Election of Officers:** Commander Lipinski stated that the special meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers that the Post was unable to accomplish in the 7 June meeting. Stan reviewed the nominations from the previous meeting:

- Commander Open
- First Vice Commander Open
- Second Vice Commander\* Open \* *Optional*
- Adjutant Bill Van Meter
- Finance Officer Alyssa Harrison
- Judge Advocate Chuck Teague
- Historian Bob Pillmore\*\* \*\*Conditionally Accepted based on having a full roster of officers
  
- Chaplain Emmitt Thomason
- Sgt-at-Arms Mike Jackson
- Service Officer Open
- Member at Large Ron Dubois
- Member at Large Larry Hohl

The Commander then asked for any additional nominations from the floor to fill the open positions or for the positions for which there were nominations. There were none.

The election did not proceed as there were no candidates for three of the required officers and all officers would be required for the Post to maintain its charter.

### **Donation Request from the Greater Austin Council of the Navy League:**

- Bob Pillmore reviewed the request (copy attached)
- Following a discussion of the request, Jerry Patterson moved that the Post make an immediate donation of \$500 and take up consideration of additional funds at the next EC meeting.

### **New Business:**

1. Jerry Patterson asked for clarification of the amount the Post approved for the flyover at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Bob Pillmore will write a check for \$200 to the Onion Creek HOA as approved.
2. Bob Pillmore asked for authorization to renew the cloud drive at a cost of \$70.96 and to purchase a hard drive for 54.11. The hard drive will serve as a backup of the cloud drive and will serve as a permanent record for the Post upon closure of the Post. A motion was made by Jerry Patterson and seconded by Ron Dubois and was approved by voice vote.
3. There was discussion of forming a committee to address closing of the Post including options for merger with another Post and addressing options for addressing the assets of the Post. This will be addressed at the next EC meeting and will include recruiting other members of the Post to participate.
4. Commander Stan Lipinski and Bob Pillmore discussed the possibility of merging with another post.
  - a. Stan has been discussing this option with the District Commander and other Posts who have attempted a merger



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- i. There is no provision in the American Legion By-Laws addressing the possibility.
    - ii. One Post who tried to merge with another post ended up transferring their membership and closing their post.
    - iii. Bob and Stan also discussed the possibility of creating a foundation that would administer the Post's funds. There are technical issues that will need further study.
  - b. Stan and Bob Pillmore attended the EC meeting of Post 83 to open discussion of a possible merger. The possibility will was being presented to the membership of Post 83 at their membership meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> to determine whether there in an interest. Bob and Stan expressed their reservations regarding a merger.
- 5. EC Meeting:** The next EC meeting will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM The meeting will be held on ZOOM and the Post will be invited.
- 6. Election:** Bob Pillmore pointed out that we needed to hold an election even though we do not have a full ballot since we will need a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate and an Adjutant as a minimum to fill open positions that will be required to close or merge the Post. Bob Pillmore also offered to run opposite Bill Van Meter for the Adjutant since he did not think it would be fair to Bill under the circumstances facing the Post. Debbie Dubois volunteered to run for Historian in Bob's place.

A vote was taken and the following individuals were elected:

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| ○ Adjutant        | Bob Pillmore    |
| ○ Finance Officer | Alyssa Harrison |
| ○ Judge Advocate  | Chuck Teague    |
| ○ Historian       | Debbie Dubois   |
| ○ Chaplain        | Emmitt Thomason |
| ○ Sgt-at-Arms     | Mike Jackson    |
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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Pillmore  
Adjutant.



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### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Stan Lipinski –Commander  
Bob Pillmore - Adjutant  
Jerry Patterson – Historian  
Ron Dubois - At-Large Member of the EC  
Debbie Dubois