



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020

### Attendees

Ron Stried	x	Stan Lipinski	x	Tom Harder	x
Bill Welch	A	Mike Jackson	A	Richard Dietz	A
Larry Hohl	x	Bob Jordan	x	Bob Caudill	A
Bob Pillmore	x	Emmett Thomason	x	Adam Joliff	x
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:** A motion was made by Stan Lipinski to approve the minutes of the September EC meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Larry Hohl and unanimously approved.
2. **Finance report:** Deterred until Tom Harder's arrival.
3. **Future Meetings, Speakers & Dates:** The following future Speakers were discussed:
  - a. Leslie & Stan Loitz – MAVS (Larry Hohl)
  - b. Dr. Aaron Ali – Has several speakers that can speak to medical research for military applications. (Adam Joliff)
  - c. Director of the Military Museum at Camp Mabry – There was discussion of one of our regular meetings at OCC or the possibility of a meeting at the Museum.
  - d. Emmitt Thomason suggested a photographer who gives talks on Normandy.
  - e. Charles Teague, a post member has offered to speak to the Post.- re Civil War era.
  - f. Bob Campos suggested the past commandant of the Marine Corps, who has retired in Austin. Bob will pass on his contact information to Bill Welch for Bill to follow up.

It was decided that Dr. Ali and the Marine Commandant would be given priority as potential speakers for our next meeting in the March –April time frame. Adam Joliff and Bill Welch will make the contacts and advise Bob Pillmore of possible dates so that he can reserve the date at OCC. The week of March 16-20 to be avoided due to spring break.

There will be no general membership meeting in February. Meetings will be scheduled based on availability of speakers.

4. **BINGO:** Stan Lipinski reported on the requirements to qualify for BINGO as a fund raiser.
  - a. Per-Licensing Interview Training is required for the Bingo Chairman and one operator. In addition the BINGO Chairperson must complete the Online Bingo training.
  - b. There are a list of forms that must be submitted and the Post would need to provide one of 5 methods of Bonding to assure payments.
  - c. Licensing will take 4-6 months.
  - d. After licensing an operator must be secured within 120 days.



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- e. Tom Harder agreed to be the Bingo Chairman with assistance from Stan Lipinski.
- f.
5. **OCC Update:** Bob Pillmore reported that recent turnover of OCC management did not affect the Events Coordinator position. We currently have EC meetings scheduled on alternating months through the end of the fiscal year.
6. **Census:** Ron Stried reported that he has received a request form the local Census Commission for temporary census workers in the May-June timeframe. Workers would be paid \$23 per hour plus OT and expenses. Ron will distribute the information he received to the Executive Committee.
7. **Newsletter:** Ron pointed out that our newsletter is our method of communication between the EC and the membership. Newsletter articles need to be submitted to Cathy Miller with copy to Ron by 15 January.

### 8. Committee Member Reports:

- a. **Adjutant:** Bob Pillmore reported that the current 2020 membership stands at 123, 82% of our goal and ahead of the Department targets. He will send out reminders to the un-renewed members to encourage their renewals.

Bob reminded the members that Clyde Walls would appreciate visits from members at his location in Georgetown. Bob will send out contact information.

- b. **Service Officer:** Bob Jordan is meeting with JROTC leaders to assure that they get their applications in on time. He is having trouble at Bowie HS due to the retirement of the JROTC instructors. Bob Pillmore asked Bob Jordan to assist Vicki Johnston, wife of deceased member Phil Johnston in securing financial assistance from the American Legion and the VA.
- c. **Boys/Girls State:** The Post will sponsor and pay the 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.
- d. **Donations Program:** Adam Joliff reported that he contacted Tony Nuccio and asked specifically about Walmart. Walmart will begin receiving requests for donations in February. Adam will follow up.
- e. **Finance Officer:** Tom Harder provided copies of the budget for reference.

Tom reported the following values of our various financial accounts:

Account Description	Account Value	Commitments
Operating Fund	\$2,938.65	
Savings Account	\$41,476.27	
Scholarship Fund	\$1000.00	\$7,000.00
Investment Funds	\$86,236.84	



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Golf Account	\$10.00
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Ron Stried requested that Tom Harder close the Golf Account since there are no plans for a golf tournament.

\$6,500 will be transferred from Savings to the Scholarship Fund to cover HS and Vet scholarship commitments.

The investment Fund includes four CD's earning 1.5 to 2.5% interest or \$105 per month.

Tom is preparing 2018 IRS Form 990 and will submit prior to the 15 January deadline.

- f. **Phil/Vicki Johnston:** With Phil's passing, Vicki is experiencing financial problems stemming both from her status as an Australian citizen and a lack of funds. After discussion Tom Harder made a motion for the Post to offer Vicki \$1000 to help her with living expenses in the short term. The motion was seconded by Adam Joliff and passed by voice vote.

Bob Pillmore will contact Cathy Miller who is close to Vicki and will make the offer.

Bob will also ask Vicki if she objects to the Post including in our newsletter and our website, a request to the membership for donations to be collected by the Post and forwarded to Vicki. If she approves, Cathy would write the request and include in the next newsletter. Bob Pillmore will modify the Post website to allow submittal of donations on line in addition to accepting checks mailed to the Post.

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

**Submitted by :  
Bob Pillmore  
Adjutant**