



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 326 – EXEC COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 4, 2019

## Attendees

|              |   |                 |   |                |   |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Ron Stried   | x | Stan Lipinski   | x | Tom Harder     | x |
| Bill Welch   | x | Mike Jackson    | x | Richard Dietz  | x |
| Larry Hohl   | x | Bob Jordan      | x | Bob Caudill    | x |
| Bob Pillmore | x | Emmett Thomason | x | Adam Joliff    | A |
| Cleo DeLeon  | x | Herman Willi    | G | Charles Teague | G |

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

Commander Ron Stried called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. In attendance were 2 member/guests, Herman Willi and Charles Teague. Bob Pillmore introduced Cleo DeLeon, a new member and the new editor of our Facebook page. After 3 years of inactivity, the Facebook page has been cleaned of out of date posts and information and several new informational posts have been added.

- 1. Installation of Officers:** Bob Pillmore announced that the Installation of Officers will occur at the next General Meeting in October.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting:** There were no minutes of the July EC meeting since there was not a quorum and the meeting was not called to order. Stan Lipinski made a motion that the minutes of the previous general membership meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bob Caudill and approved.
- 3. Vote on Golf Tournament:** Commander Ron Stried requested a motion on whether the Post will conduct a Golf Tournament this fiscal year. Bob Pillmore made a motion that there not be a Golf Tournament and that the Post continue to pursue corporate and individual contributions to fund veterans outreach and high school scholarships. Bob Jordan suggested that he would first like a review of the Financial report before calling a vote. The financial report (see below) and further discussion, a vote was called and the motion passed.
- 4. Finance report:** Tom Harder presented two budget proposals, one with a scaled down golf tournament and one with no golf tournament (see attached). Bob Pillmore stated that he had discussed with Tony Nuccio, the possibility of continuing to pursue our principal sponsors such as Walmart and UHCU without a golf tournament. Tony agreed to explore this option. He stated that the forms submitted to Walmart made no mention of a golf tournament but were based on how the funds would be used to support veterans. There was further discussion of how fund raising could be done to pursue the individual contributors. Several members of the EC expressed a willingness to continue their sponsorship. There was general agreement that this should be discussed in detail at future meetings.

The Charitable Donations and awards were discussed individually and the line item for the USO at Fort Hood was corrected to be the same as prior years. Bill made a motion that the donation to R.O.C.K be increased from \$500 to \$1000. The motion was seconded by Tom Harder and was approved.



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The consensus of the EC was that the scholarship budget be maintained at 8 veteran and 8 high school scholarships.

Tom Harder will resubmit the budget as revised and submit to the EC for approval by email response.

5. **Appoint Audit Committee:** Bill Welch volunteered to serve on this Committee to review the 2018-19 financial records. Tom Harder will try to recruit Jim Stolp to also serve during October.
6. **Appoint Point person with OCC:** Bob Pillmore agreed to continue as the point person with OCC. He stated that he has begun discussion with OCC about meeting room reservations, meal costs, cutoff dates for providing counts, billing, etc. The dates requested for the October and December general meetings and the November EC meetings are not available. The available dates provided were October 3 & 4, November 5 or 8 and December 3 & 5. Based on discussion I will reserve Oct. 4, Nov 5 and Dec 3.

Because of the new rules regarding not allowing OCC members to charge to their member accounts and the tightening of the rules for late additions, we discussed the possibility of accepting payment with the reservation. Mike Jackson will look into use of Sign-up Genius to accept payment at the time of making a reservation. It was agreed that we will use the newsletter and mail outs to the membership to assure that the new requirements are understood by the membership.

7. **Commanders Plaques:** Commanders Mike Jackson and Ron Stried said that they did not want or need them. Apparently, according to Clyde Walls, former Commander Phil Johnston would like to receive one.
8. **Public Address System at OCC:** Commander Stried asked for ideas on how to improve the PA system used at the general meetings. Mike Jackson offered to provide his PA system.
9. **Meeting Speakers:** Commander Stried emphasized the need for meeting programs that would attract attendance. There was a discussion regarding the number of general meetings per year. Bill Welch made a motion to reduce the number of meetings from 6 to 4, and Stan Lipinski seconded. In the discussion there was agreement that the October meeting and December meeting be continued since the October meeting is required to install the new officers, and the December holiday meeting is expected by the membership. The motion was approved.

Bill Welch will pursue the Admiral LeClair, commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> fleet, who lives in Austin, for the October meeting. Bob Jordan will pursue Virgil Medeiros, on the topic of helping veterans transition to civilian jobs.

10. **Meal Charges and head count for meetings:** This topic was covered under item 6.

### 11. Other:



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### COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

**Adjutant** - Bob Pillmore: With the additional 5 renewals received today we now stand at 85 members, 57% of our goal of 149 members.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**:- Bill Welch: Nothing to report

**Finance Officer** - Tom Harder: Tom will purchase two 6 month CD's to make a little income. We have plenty of liquidity to cover our obligations.

**Webmaster** - Bob Pillmore: For the most part the web page is up to date. With the approval of the EC, a directory of members will be added: The format will be a password protected spreadsheet. The password will only be given to members of the EC and committee members who have a need for the information. The spreadsheet will be updated whenever new members are added or there is a change to member data.

**Service Officer** -Bob Jordan: Bob offered to pay for replacement of our magnetic post signs which are used for parades.

**High School Scholarship Chairman** - Bob Jordan: Nothing additional

**Boys/Girls State** – Stan Lipinski: Nothing to report

**Veteran Scholarship Chairman** - Bill Welch: Nothing additional

**Charitable Donations** - Bill Welch: Bill expressed a concern that a consensus vote has been required to get approval of charitable donations. He was assured that only donations that were outside the approved budget required EC approval.

**Chaplain** - Emmett Thomason: Nothing to report

**Sergeant-at-Arms** - Mike Jackson: Mike requested that the EC make him aware of any real assets belonging to the Post that they may have possession of. He plans to create an inventory of all these items and their location(s).

**At-Large-Officers** - Bob Caudill, Richard Dietz, Adam Joliff: No Report

### Items for discussion/information

**Veterans Day Parade November 11:** Tom Harder will file an application for participation with the city as soon as they begin accepting applications.

**Turkey Delivery to Fort Hood November 20:** Bob Caudill stated that he say no problem getting enough volunteers to support the turkey delivery.

**Other Items:** The EC agreed to expedite the approval of the revised budget, voting by email.

**There being no further business, Commander Ron Stried adjourned the meeting at 5:55PM.**

**Submitted by Robert Pillmore, Adjutant**

**Post 326 Executive Committee Approved 2019-20 Budget**

| <b>INCOME</b>   | <b>2018-19 Budget</b> | <b>2018-19 Actual</b> | <b>2019-20 Budget Without Golf</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Membership Dues   | \$2,250               | \$3,305               | \$3,300                            |
| General Meetings (OCC)                                  | \$3,200               | \$3,528               | \$3,500                            |
| G.M. Raffle Tickets (Net)                               | \$300                 | \$333                 | \$300                              |
| C.D. Dividends/Bank Interest                            | \$900                 | \$1,254               | \$2,200                            |
| Donations/Sponsorships/Memorials                        | \$500                 | \$0                   | \$10,000                           |
| Seed Money & Miscellaneous                              | \$750                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Silent/Live/On-line Sales                               | \$1,300               | \$2,963               | \$0                                |
| Golf Tournament   | \$38,700              | \$47,532              | \$0                                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                     | <b>\$47,150</b>       | <b>\$50,495</b>       | <b>\$19,500</b>                    |
| <br><b>EXPENSES</b>                                     |                       |                       |                                    |
| <b>CHARITABLE DONATIONS &amp; AWARDS</b>                |                       |                       |                                    |
| Central Texas Returning Heroes                          | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys                          | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Veterans Day Parade Fee                                 | \$100                 | \$100                 | \$100                              |
| Landstuhl Hospital Care Project                         | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for Vets                      | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Individual Veterans/Family Support                      | \$1,000               | \$1,000               | \$1,000                            |
| Discretionary Charitable Donations                      | \$1,000               | \$1,000               | \$1,000                            |
| Austin Honor Flight Project                             | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$500                              |
| Fisher Houses (3 Texas Facilities)                      | \$1,500               | \$1,500               | \$1,500                            |
| Texas Boys & Girls State (3 Seniors)                    | \$1,000               | \$1,015               | \$1,000                            |
| USO at Fort Hood  | \$300                 | \$300                 | \$300                              |
| Flag Day Retirement Ceremony                            | \$100                 | \$0                   | \$100                              |
| July 4th Parade/Community Picnic                        | \$300                 | \$247                 | \$300                              |
| R.O.C.K. Veterans Equine Therapy                        | \$500                 | \$500                 | \$1,000                            |
| <b>CHARITABLE DONATION EXPENSES TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$8,300</b>        | <b>\$8,162</b>        | <b>\$8,800</b>                     |
| <br><b>H.S. SENIOR &amp; VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS</b> |                       |                       |                                    |
| Grants for 8 Student Veterans                           | \$18,000              | \$14,000              | \$16,000                           |
| JROTC Scholarships for 8 H.S. Seniors                   | \$8,000               | \$8,000               | \$8,000                            |
| Veteran Employment Assistance                           | \$2,000               | \$0                   | \$0                                |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIPS/EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$26,000</b>       | <b>\$22,000</b>       | <b>\$24,000</b>                    |
| <br><b>POST 326 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>             |                       |                       |                                    |
| Meetings at OCC & A.L. Conventions                      | \$5,000               | \$5,293               | \$5,300                            |
| Newsletters & P.O. Box Rental                           | \$2,500               | \$2,776               | \$2,800                            |
| University Veterans Recruiting Events                   | \$2,750               | \$1,000               | \$0                                |
| Membership Dues to TX/National HQs                      | \$2,250               | \$1,489               | \$1,500                            |
| Office Supplies, Ink, & Postage                         | \$1,000               | \$756                 | \$750                              |
| Decorations, Flowers, & Equipment                       | \$500                 | \$1,037               | \$1,000                            |
| Internet Web Hosting                                    | \$0                   | \$573                 | \$300                              |
| Bank Fees & Miscellaneous                               | \$500                 | \$359                 | \$350                              |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$14,500</b>       | <b>\$13,283</b>       | <b>\$12,000</b>                    |
| <br><b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR POST 326</b>                  | <br><b>\$48,800</b>   | <br><b>\$43,445</b>   | <br><b>\$44,800</b>                |