

**Executive Committee Meeting  
September 2, 2020 at 1630 hour  
Meeting by Video Conferencing**

**Attendance**

|                   |          |                      |          |                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| <u>Ron Stried</u> | <u>√</u> | <u>Stan Lipinski</u> | <u>√</u> | <u>Tom Harder</u> | <u>√</u> |
| Bill Welch        | A        | Mike Jackson         | A        | Bob Caudill       | √        |
| Larry Hohl        | √        | Bill Baran           | √        |                   |          |
| Bob Pillmore      | √        | Emmett Thomason      | √        |                   |          |
|                   |          |                      |          |                   |          |

**A = Absent**

**N = Unable to attend**

**√ = Present**

The online meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM by Commander Ron Stried. The meeting was recorded for the purpose of creating minutes.

- Minutes of previous Meeting: The minutes of the September Executive Committee meeting was approved was approved. Approved minutes will be posted to the website.
- Fund Raising Campaign: Ron suggested that we break the fundraising into two areas: (1) Solicit members to sponsor individual charities that the Post contributes to, and (2) Solicit cash contributions from previous sponsors of the golf tournament fund raiser which would co toward supporting the high school and veteran college scholarship programs. To Kick things off, Ron will fund the contributions of \$500 for the ROCK equestrian program and \$500 for the PAWS canine program both of which support veteran rehabilitation.

Stan Lipinski agreed to serve as Fund Raising Chairman to facilitate the fund raising activities. Bob Pillmore will find the details of the sponsors and contributors from the 2019 golf tournament and the IRA direct contribution form.

- Veteran Scholarships: The EC agreed to award 8 veteran scholarships for this year
- High School Scholarships: Ron will contact Bob Jordan, the High School Scholarship Chairman and ask him to contact the four schools we support, Hays, Lehman, Akins and Bowie, and determine if they will have an active JROTC program.
- Budget Proposal: Bob Pillmore and Tom Harder led an item by item discussion of the budget and the EC made and approved changes. The revised budget is attached with notes indicating the basis for some of the items.

During the discussion of the number of meetings budgeted, Ron suggested that we try holding a General Membership Meeting using Zoom. He suggested Chuck Teague, a member who has offered to speak to the Post in the past. Ron will contact Charles and keep us posted. Bob Pillmore also suggested the planned speaker from the planned April Meeting, Marc Liebman as a ZOOM meeting speaker. The EC approved the idea and Ron will make contact with Chuck Teague for a future ZOOM meeting.

- Financial Report: Tom harder reported the following:

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS         |          |
| Operating Checking Account | \$2,120  |
| Operating Savings Account  | \$41,268 |
| Three CD's                 | \$66,842 |

TOTAL \$110,230

EXPENDITURES TO DATE

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Reimbursement to RJP for Website & ZOOM | \$470   |
| Veteran Scholarships                    | \$2,000 |
| Highschool Scholarships                 | \$500   |

7. Bingo Update: Stan reported that Bingo is a dead issue until the cloud of Covid is past.
8. Newsletter articles are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. Veterans Day Parade: As of this meeting the Veterans Day Parade in Austin is planned. Tom Harder will send in our application. Ron, Larry, Tom, and Bob Pillmore will attend. Bob Pillmore plans to send a Blast email to the Post requesting participation in the parade. He will also include Mike Rodriguez's obituary.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Adjutant: Bob Pillmore reported that our membership renewals for 2021 are currently at 93, on track for meeting our goal.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: nothing to report.

Finance Officer: Nothing to add to prior report.

Webmaster: Bob Pillmore reported that the meeting information, minutes, and newsletters are up to date. He stated that some of our informational pages have not been updated we may want to delete those pages until we can get them up to date.

Service Officer: Bill Baran has been searching for financial aid for veterans but has only found some pension benefits which would only apply to low income seniors.

High School Scholarships: Ron will call Bob Jordan and report back.

Veteran Scholarships: Tom Harder will call Bill and get his thoughts on the number of veteran scholarships we should award.

Chaplain: Emmitt has sent a sympathy card from the Post

Charitable Donations: Bob Pillmore showed a message from the Buda Post. All of the local veterans organizations are donating and have requested that we donate \$500 as well. The EC unanimously agreed with this and Bob will pass the email on to Bill Welch for his approval.

POST MEETING:

Bob Pillmore sent an email to the EC with a motion to rename the high school scholarship program to honor Mike Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Ron Stried and the motion received 8 yeas and no nays. The motion passed

Bill Welch made a motion to the EC that the veterans scholarship program be renamed to honor Clyde Walls. That motion was seconded by Ron Stried and received 8 yeas and no nays. The motion passed.

Subsequent to the meeting, the City of Austin cancelled the Veterans Day Parade.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 326  
2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHEET

|  | 2019-2020       |                 | 2020-2021       |                |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  | BUDGET          | ACTUAL          | BUDGET          | ACTUAL         |
| <b>INCOME</b>                            |                 |                 |                 |                |
| Membership Dues                          | \$3,300         | \$5,070         | \$4,886 (1)     | \$3,598        |
| PUFL Members                             |                 | \$240           | \$240           | \$240          |
| Annual Members                           |                 | \$4,830         | \$4,646         | \$3,358        |
| On Line                                  |                 | \$1,748         |                 | \$1,426        |
| Check                                    |                 | \$3,082         |                 | \$1,932        |
| General Meetings (OCC)                   | \$3,500         | \$1,539         | \$1,140 (3)     | \$500          |
| G.M. Raffle Tickets (Net)                | \$300           | \$87            | \$100           | \$0            |
| C.D. Dividends/Bank Interest             | \$1,200         | \$1,087         | \$1,000         | \$94           |
| Gifts and Memorial Donations             | \$0             | \$973           | \$500           | \$0            |
| Fund Raising                             |                 |                 | \$15,000        | \$500          |
| Miscellaneous                            | \$500           | \$500           | \$500           | \$0            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                      | <b>\$8,800</b>  | <b>\$9,256</b>  | <b>\$23,126</b> | <b>\$4,692</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                          |                 |                 |                 |                |
| CHARITABLE DONATIONS & AWARDS            |                 |                 |                 |                |
| Central Texas Returning Heroes           | \$500           | \$500           | \$0             | \$0            |
| Fort Hood Thanksgiving Turkeys           | \$500           | \$500           | \$500           | \$500          |
| Veterans Day Parade Fee                  | \$100           | \$100           | \$100           | \$0            |
| Landstuhl Hospital Care project          | \$500           | \$500           | \$500 (10)      | \$0            |
| Patriot PAWS Service Dogs for vets       | \$500           | \$500           | \$500 (4)       | \$0            |
| Individual Veterans/Family Support       | \$1,000         | \$2,000         | \$1,000         | \$0            |
| Discretionary Charitable Donations       | \$1,000         | \$200           | \$1,000         | \$0            |
| Austin Honor Flight project              | \$500           | \$500           | \$0             | \$0            |
| Fisher Houses (3 Texas Facilities)       | \$1,500         | \$1,500         | \$1,500         | \$0            |
| Texas Boys & Girls State {2 Seniors}     | \$1,000         | \$200           | \$500           | \$0            |
| USO at Fort Hood                         | \$500           | \$500           | \$100           | \$0            |
| Flag Day Retirement Ceremony             | \$100           | \$100           | \$100           | \$0            |
| July 4th Parade/Community Picnic         | \$300           | \$150           | \$150           | \$0            |
| R.O.C.K. Veterans Equine Therapy         | \$500           | \$500           | \$500 (4)       | \$0            |
| Buda Veterans Service Organization       | \$0             | \$500           | \$0             | \$0            |
| USAA Military Family Relief Initiative   | \$0             | \$0             | \$500 (10)      | \$0            |
| CHARITABLE DONATIONS EXPENSES TOTAL      | <b>\$8,500</b>  | <b>\$8,250</b>  | <b>\$6,950</b>  | <b>\$500</b>   |
| H.S. SENIOR & VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS |                 |                 |                 |                |
| Grants for 9 Student Veterans*           | \$18,000        | \$14,000        | \$14,000 (2)    | \$2,000        |
| JROTC Scholarships for 6 H.S. Seniors*   | \$8,000         | \$7,500         | \$6,000 (2)     | \$500          |
| SCHOLARSHIPS EXPENSES TOTAL              | <b>\$26,000</b> | <b>\$21,500</b> | <b>\$20,000</b> | <b>\$2,500</b> |
| POST 326 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES         |                 |                 |                 |                |
| Meetings at OCC & A.L. Conventions       | \$5,300         | \$3,447         | \$1,200 (3)     | \$0            |
| Newsletters, P.O. Box, & Website         | \$3,350         | \$1,954         | \$2,380         | \$570          |
| Newsletters                              |                 |                 | \$1,800 (8)     | \$410          |

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2020-2021 BUDGET WORKSHEET

|                                      | 2019-2020        |                  | 2020-2021            |                 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                                      | BUDGET           | ACTUAL           | BUDGET               | ACTUAL          |
| PO Box                               |                  |                  | \$160                | \$0             |
| Website                              |                  |                  | \$420 (6)            | \$160           |
| Membership Dues to TX/National HQs   | \$1,500          | \$3,379          | \$3,131              | \$2,263         |
| Office Supplies, Ink, & Postage      | \$750            | \$2              | \$350                | \$66            |
| Decorations, Flowers, & Equipment    | \$1,000          | \$252            | \$500 (9)            | \$0             |
| Bank Fees, Insurance & Miscellaneous | \$350            | \$29             | \$350                | \$0             |
| Zoom Membership fee                  | \$0              | \$0              | \$256 (7)            | \$256           |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES TOTAL</b> | <b>\$12,250</b>  | <b>\$9,063</b>   | <b>\$8,167</b>       | <b>\$3,155</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR POST 326</b>   | <b>\$46,750</b>  | <b>\$38,813</b>  | <b>\$35,117</b>      | <b>\$6,155</b>  |
| <b>INCOME vs EXPENSES</b>            | <b>-\$37,950</b> | <b>-\$29,557</b> | <b>-\$11,991 (5)</b> | <b>-\$1,463</b> |

(1) Based on 120 members renewed or PUFL for 2021.

(2) Based on actual awards made in the 2019-2020 year.

In 2020-2021 8 veteram scholarships and 8 highschool scholarships will be awarded.

(3) Based on one in-person general membership meeting.

(4) Sponsored by Ron Stried

(5) To be funded from Post 326 savings

(6) 2 Year renewal of SSL license and annual renewal of website and website builder.

(7) Based on 7 monthly charges of \$15.98 for Apr - Sept 2020 plus an annual charge for Oct 2020 - Sept 2020

(8) Based on six newsletters per year

(9) Includes authorized purchase of a large projector screen for meetingd (~\$100)

(10) Sponsored by Tom Harder