

Meeting Date: 2017.11.14 (November)

American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30 met at the **Road House Diner** at 6pm.

The 7 people present included Commander, Judge Advocate, Finance Officer/Historian, Chaplain/Sargent at arms, a new member and 2 Guests.

Chaplain Seibel lead the prayer.

Officer Stephanie Griffin read the minutes. Officer Keith Brown moved the minutes be accepted as amended. Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer Griffin gave the Financial report. Officer Brown moved the financial report be accepted. Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We discussed closing the Post's CD and transferring the money to the Post's checking account. The bank would impose a \$21.31 penalty to close the CD. Officer Brown moved we direct Officer Griffin to close the CD, accept the penalty, and move the money to the Post's checking account. Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We discussed placing a deposit on our postal account at **Postal Options** so they can forward all Post mail for a period of 6 months. The amount will be \$320. Officer Brown moved we place the deposit. Member Amy Burton seconded it. The motion passed.

Officer Brown made a \$20 donation.

Chaplain Seibel gave us a voice mail presentation from Vice Commander Hanlon. Officer Hanlon stated he had checked with the County Clerk's office regarding property owned by **Post 30** in Lamar County. The search revealed no property owned by the Post.

Officer Brown stated that he would maintain the **Post 30** website at his expense for at least 6 months.

Chaplain Seibel moved to adjourn. Amy Burton seconded the motion. The motion failed.

We discussed the employee of the year awards for the four **Lamar County Volunteer Fire Department** precincts, the **Paris Fire Department**, the **Paris Police Department**, and the **Lamar County Sheriff's Department**. We determined a check of \$150 check would be given with each commendation.

The four VFD precinct commendations will awarded at the VFD precinct quarterly meeting on January 8th at 7pm at Paris FD, Station 1 (1444 N Main St, Paris, TX).

We discussed the charities to be awarded cash gifts after post expenses are met. Suggestions included: **The Downtown Food Pantry**, **Johnny Stallings Downs Syndrome Society**, **Paris Public Library**, **New Hope Center for Men & Women** (but for Lamar County only), and **The Seeds of Hope**. Member Amy Burton suggested the nonprofit group **The Children's Advocacy**.

We also discussed sending letters to all members announcing closure of the Post. Commander Karasek noted the Post had 46 members. We also discussed placing a public notice with the **Paris News**.

We decided that the December meeting would be held at the *Casa Del Mare* restaurant on December 12th at 6pm and that would be our last meeting as well as our Christmas celebration.

Chaplain Seibel lead the prayer. Commander Karasek adjourned the meeting.