



American Legion
Department of Texas
Brown/Guest Post 30 Paris, TX

Meeting 20 Apr 2024

American Legion Brown/Guest Post 30 met at the Elks Lodge at 1000 hours.

Present: See attached list.

Sergeant at Arms posted Colors.

Chaplain made opening prayer.

Members recited Pledge of Allegiance.

All members recited the Preamble of the American Legion.

The Commander opened the Post to business.

Adjutant read roll call of Officers.

Commander	x	Vice Commander	x
Adjutant	x	Finance Officer	x
Judge Advocate	vac	Historian	x
Chaplin	x	Sgt at Arms	x
Service Officer	ex	Trustee 1	x
Trustee 2		Webmaster	ex

A quorum is present.

Previous Executive Board & Post Meetings minutes read and stand approved.

Introduction of Guests/Prospects & New Members: NONE

New Applicants: NONE

Report of Officer's & Committees:

- Americanism Committee – see attached.
- Membership & Post Activities – see attached.
- Budget & Financial Report – see attached.
- Ways & Means Committee – see attached.
- Veterans Affairs & Service Officer – not present.
- Media & Communications Committee – none.

Balloting on Applicants: NONE

Sick Call, Relief, and employment by Chaplain: Chuck Toney, Amy Burton, Cecil Poole in need of prayers.

Unfinished Business?

- Chamber of Commerce membership has been renewed and paid.
- Boys State – 1 candidate has been approved and 1 waiting on final approval from Department.
- Girls State – 1 candidate has been approved.

Initiation of Candidates. None

Correspondence by the Adjutant: See New Business

New Business?

- NAACP Letter Donation Request letter was read in full by the Adjutant.
 - A motion was made by the Finance Officer to make a donation and seconded by George Henke.
 - Another motion was made to add a dollar amount to the original amendment.
 - After more discussion the motion to make a donation for \$250 was made and seconded. Passed by narrow margin.
 - Following discussion the motion was finalized to be "Make a donation to the NAACP for \$250"
 - Motion did not pass.
- Division Convention 8 Jun 2024
 - 7 Jun 2024 is a Grant Writing class.
 - Post 453 Love Field Post in Dallas, TX is hosting.
 - Motion made by Rick Leonart and seconded by George Henke for Post to pay for registration and hotel for 3 delegates. Passed unanimously.
- Department Convention 9 -14 July 2024
 - Location Austin, TX
 - Motion made by Finance Officer and seconded by Rick Leonart for Post to pay for registration and hotel for 3 delegates. Passed unanimously.
- Honorary Membership:
 - The Adjutant made a motion to expand a previously adopted policy of Honorary Memberships for veterans living at the Legends Nursing Home. The motion was "to keep authorization for up to 6 veterans at LNH to have membership paid by the post, and to add up to 5 members from outside LNH that were born prior to 1934. This will need to be renewed annually with the SOP to ensure that the Post has the budget to include and can be adjusted as needed." Seconded by the Vice Commander, passed unanimously.
- Upcoming Raffle Sales:
 - Gun Show end of May
 - Gun Show July
 - Several events coming up that won't allow gun raffles so will be for Kroger gift cards only.
- Officer Nominations from Executive Committee:
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Office	Name
Commander	Bill Townsend

1st Vice Commander	Chuck Toney
2nd Vice Commander	Kelly Collins
Adjutant	Wyndell Ferguson
Finance Officer	Samantha Wilson
Judge Advocate	Keith Brown
Chaplin	Jeff Dunken
Sergeant at Arms	Elroy Theye
Service Officer	Amy Burton
Historian	Samantha Wilson
Trustee 1	Jeff Dunken
Trustee 2	Elroy Theye
Hub Master	Wyndell Ferguson
Web Master	Keith Brown

- Adjutant went over requirements to be an officer and read a brief excerpt from the C&BL about the elections.

Good of the Legion?

- Training by Commander on the 4 Pillars

There being no further business:

- The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.
- Sgt of Arms retired colors.
- The Commander adjourned the meeting at 1050.
- Next meeting will be 18 May 2024.



Wyndell Ferguson
Adjutant



Bill Townsend
Commander