

# American Legion Paschall Post 164 Executive Board Meeting Minutes 29 March 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Len Stayton

## Salute Flag and Pledge:

Cmdr. Woodrum called members to attention, Salute the Flag, and the Pledge recited and Preamble.

#### **Roll Call of Officers:**

All Post Officers present except, S.A.L. Advisor Mike Flannigan, Trustees Duane (Butch) Ellis and Jimmy Deckant and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Dolly Matheny. We had a Quorum.

## **Previous Minutes:**

Call to read the Minutes of 22 Feb. 2025 meeting. Judge Advocate Craig Huffman moved to dispense with the Reading of the minutes from previous Exec. Mtg. and accept them as printed. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Charlie Smith. Cmdr. Woodrum called for discussion on the motion; no discussion; Cmdr. called for the vote. Motion was unanimously approved.

## **Introduction of guests:**

Cmdr. Woodrum introduced Legionnaire David Flannigan. Mr. Flannigan presented a proposal to hold a summer kickoff at the Post with Food, A band and Games. Games would be Corn Hole and Horseshoes. There was also discussion about Games for Children. It was suggested that this event should be named the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Festival. It was also suggested that it be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of May each year. Chaplain Stayton agreed that this was a great idea and moved to approve of this event. Cmdr. Woodrum added that Mr. Flannigan Chair a committee for this event and that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. be on this committee. The Motion to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Kickoff Community Event was 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Charlie Smith. Cmdr. called for any further discussion on the motion, no further discussion, call for a Vote; motion was passed unanimously.

## Reports:

#### Canteen:

Mgr. Rowley, Canteen Manager, New Bartender Erica was hired and will begin training on Sunday 31 March. Angel would like a heads up on any Canteen issues before they are presented to the membership.

## **Membership:**

Cmdr. Woodrum informed us that for 2025 there are 49 PUFL, 18 New members, 3 (888) Transfers and 235 Renewals giving us a total of 305 renewed so far for 2025. That brings the Post to 89.44%. The 12<sup>th</sup> District has won the Little Brown Jug award for Membership and is currently 93.87% of quota.

#### **Events:**

31 Mar. Slot Tournament 1:00PM. w/Potluck. 5 April the National Vice Commander Central District Roger Mathison will be at the Post at 7:00PM for a visit. 19 April 5:00PM Texas Hold'em. April 26th<sup>th</sup> there may be a Band. April 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM Slot Tournament w/Potluck.

#### Finance:

Post Fin. Off. Norris reported:

Operating Acct: \$9,944.18 Savings Acct: \$9,843.04 EBingo Acct: \$9,739.02 Traditional Bingo Acct: \$304.89

OH Lottery Acct: \$1,748.54

New accounts were created to properly separate the Post Home from the Canteen operations to ensure we have accountability and better tracking of funds. Hall Rental, Building Maintenance and Membership. Each account has \$100.00 in it. The Membership account will be used for dues payment processing to American Legion National, Department and District Headquarters. This will give us a better accounting of our Membership monies. The Hall Rental will allow us to manage our Post Home money and allow us to build a Maintenance Fund as 10% of the funds received from each Hall Rental will be placed in the Building fund. The rest will go to normal maintenance (Cleaning, utilities, and supplies). Finance Officer Jason Norris has indicated that we are now closing in on the creation of a proper budget for the Post.

## **Honor Guard:**

No Report.

## **House Committee:**

Trustee Hall indicated that the Ice Maker replacement unit will cost approximately \$5,533.92. This may very depending on the cost of a Licensed Plumber charges. This unit will need to be properly installed to meet the Health Department Standards of Ohio. Chaplain Stayton moved that we authorize \$6,000.00 for the Ice Machine project. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge Adv. Craig Huffman. Cmdr. Woodrum called for further discussion. There was no further discussion; call for the vote. The motion was unanimously approved. The Canteen Fan switch will be repaired, after six months of not being fixed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Charlie Smith. A replacement switch will be installed before the next Membership Meeting date. There are some light switches in the Post Kitchen that require replacement and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Smith has indicated those too will be taken care of. We will need to get a licensed Electrician to look are our Wiring in the ceiling of the Canteen. There are some issues there that should be looked at and maybe rewired. This is something we will need further guidance on.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Where we are at with the new sign is in the Permit process. As it is understood we are awaiting information from the Contractor for installing. He has not heard back from the city concerning the application for the permit. Cmdr. Woodrum will be looking for some answers.

We have one candidate from Grove City High School for Buckeye Boys State. Chair of the Americanism Committee, Chaplain Stayton and two other Exec. Officers will be conducting the interview. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Orientation for these candidates. Next year the Post will be more involved in the Americanism programs and will add the Oratorical Program to our processes.

## **New Business:**

The Post is hosting the Church of the Nazarene's Blood drive on 12 March 2025. They overbooked their facilities, and the American Red Cross reached out to us and ask if we could provide our Hall for their Blood Drive. After speaking with them, and several of our Exec. Officers, we agreed to Host this at no cost to the Church. This is a Community Event.

Our Post Blood Drive "Give for Freedom" will be held in July. The Hall Rental is now completely online. The 1<sup>st</sup> Website booking will be held on 24 May. Finance Officer Norris will be developing an Official Post Facebook Page that will be Informational ONLY. There will be no opportunity to comment on any of the Post it is simply informational for Paschall Post Legionnaire, S.A.L. and Auxiliary Members.

S.A.L. Member Charles Dixon has been suspended for 30 days from entering the Canteen for actions unbecoming a Member of the Post. Mr. Dixon made crude and sexual harassment remarks to one of our bartenders. Witnesses to this act came forward and reported it.

Nominations from the floor will be open at the April Membership meeting for Post Officers. Judge Advocate Craig Huffman will identify those officers currently holding these offices and see if they plan to run again. Nominations will then be accepted from the floor. Nominations will be closed after another call for nominations at the May membership meeting. The election of Post Officers is tentatively schedule for 10 May from Noon to 8:00PM, Hall side of Post. Current 2025 Membership ID Card Required to VOTE.

Discussion concerning the absence of S.A.L. Officers at 12 District S.A.L. Meetings. Cmdr. Woodrum will be sending an email to Squadron Cmdr. Dan Finnell concerning this issue along with a reminder that the S.A.L. must provide a copy of the Slate of Officers to the Executive Board for Approval by 24 April.

## **Good of the Organization:**

Nicole Norris will oversee flags for Memorial Day. The Auxiliary will be providing the Food for the Post Open House on Memorial Day. The Hall will be open for any overflow from the Canteen that day, as we experienced last year.

The Monterey Nursing Home has requested a Tri-Folded Flag and display case for their Veteran's Memorial Wall they are constructing. Trustee Bill Hall made a motion to grant this request and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Honor Guard Cmdr. Ralph Teague. Cmdr. Woodrum called for discussion of the motion, no further discussion, call for the vote. Motion was unanimously approved.

Historian Serbennia Davis proposed interviewing each Post Officer on Video concerning their duties as members of the Executive Board for posting on the Website.

It was noted that we had a greet turnout for the Garage Cleaning project and we could not be more thankful for our Members, Legionnaires, S.A.L and Auxiliary. Fantastic job well done.

## **Benediction:**

Chaplain Stayton

## Salute the Flag and Adjournment:

Next meeting is the Exec. Meeting 19 April at 10:00 AM. 2025

Next Membership Meeting 10 Apr. 2025, 6:00 PM.

Having no further business to conduct, Cmdr. Woodrum adjourned at 11:50 AM.