

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
22ND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
POST 521
2221 PRESTON ROAD
PASADENA, TEXAS 77503
July 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the usual manner at 1400.

All Officers were present except for the Adjutant, Assistant Sgt.-At-Arms and the Historian. Seven Committee chairs were not in attendance. See Roll Call Sheet. Posts 316, 319, 391, 472, 594, and 596 were not represented. There were 14 District members in attendance.

Jim McGuire moved to accept the minutes as posted on the Website. Seconded my Al McQueen. Motion carried.

Vice Commander Woodstrom gave an overview of the current 2021 membership and National Goals for each Post. The Target Dates for this year are: 9/10/20 - 50%; 10/15/20 - 55%; 11/12/20 - 65%; 12/11/20 - 75%.

Commander Thomas conveyed that this year he will be pushing for membership. Every Post should be at 100% before 12/31/2020. He also wants each Post to have a plan on how to entice members to renew and join. He requested that each Post send him a copy of their plan. We all need to work 345 membership. It will ensure that your Post will meet their goal. However, we will do it the proper way by contacting the members and receiving their permission to be transferred.

Five Posts in the District have not completed the necessary paperwork that is required at Department. Post 316 has not certified their officers. Post 416 has not submitted their CPR or Certification. Post 490 has not certified. Post 594 needs to certify and Post 654 has not submitted their Post Data Form or their CPR. Only 4 Posts have updated their C&BL. They are Posts 52, 316, 521, and 594.

The District will be providing training on August 8, 2020 from 0900 - 1600 at Post 521. The training will be on Finance Officer and Adjutant duties. There was discussion regarding MyLegion.org. The Adjutant does not need to share the password with anyone however, it is advisable to make arrangements for the information to be accessed in case of the Adjutant being unable to conduct the usual business. Usually the Post Commander is given the code.

Lynn Sparks gave the Finance Report. Butch Sparks moved to accept the report. Bill Kennison seconded. Motion carried.

\$45.00 was collected for the monthly donation to General Fund.

Butch Sparks moved to remove the Popcorn Fund from the books and transfer the funds to the General Fund. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

C&BL Chairman, Butch Sparks reminded everyone Posts need to update their C&BL because of the recent changes in our Organization at the National level.

Chaplain Harvey - advised us to remember the sick among us and our first responders and military. We lost 2 more first responders in McAllen this week.

Scouting Chairman Thomas reported this was National Trash Week. All the scouting units across the country participated in picking up trash in their respective communities.

Legislative - Dept. Commander Perkins has scheduled a conference call with Senator Cornyn this week to discuss the difficulties for the American Legion Posts across the state due to COVID. So if your Post needs assistance please let Commander Perkins know today.

National Security Chair Al McQueen suggested Posts recognize first responders. His Post is having pancake breakfast for them and on the 4th of July gave them to go lunches at the Post. Post 521 is planning on a Crime Prevention Program for seniors. They are offering a Fire prevention/police officer program for children where the children learn how to interact with 1st responders. All of the Posts need to start working on their Oratorical and Junior Shooting programs for this upcoming year.

VA&R Chairman James King reported that you can only enter the VA Hospital if you have an appointment. Many of the mental health patients are being seen virtually.

Webmaster Harry Woodstrom advised that Posts in our District need to send him an updated list of their officers so that he can update the website.

Hub master Butch Sparks stated he can only send out info that is given to him.

Post Reports: Post 52 - No Report; Post 77 - No Report; Post 164 - They now have a Post Home and will be sending out information before they Host the DEC; Post 416 - Their Adjutant has been gravely ill and the Buffalo Soldiers Museum has

been closed due to COVID so they have not had any meetings; Post 490 - No Report; Post 521 - Will be hosting a Fish Fry on 8/7/20 from 1100 - 1400 and 1700 -1900. They are working with the Police Department on providing homeless vets with toiletries: Post 654 - No Report.

Unfinished Business

Butch Sparks suggested when we are donating items to other organizations it will be advisable for the Legion members to assist with the distribution. Al McQueen suggested we put stickers with the Post number and donated by on items we donate. Commander Thomas stated that putting community service projects on Face Book is a good way to get a positive recognition and to stop putting club room activities on line.

New Business

Butch Sparks suggested if your Post is having issues due to COVID to let your representative know. We need to petition the Department of Texas to be using the "Rainy Day Fund" to assist Post throughout the state. Harry Woodstrom moved that the District write a letter to Department. Butch seconded it. Motion carried.

Lynn Sparks moved that she be allowed to pay \$116.00 for the surety bond on the 22nd Districts Bank Accounts, due August 5, 2020. Seconded by Harry Woodstrom. Motion carried.

Butch Sparks moved that the 22nd District encourage all of the Posts to utilize ZOOM Meetings to enable them to continue with their necessary business. Seconded by Harry Woodstrom. There was discussion on how to maneuver voting. Motion carried.

Good of the Legion

None

Closing

The meeting was closed in the usual manner at 1519.

The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2020 at Post 654.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Sparks
Acting Adjutant