

22nd District Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday September 13 2020
Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy, Texas 77450.

Meeting called to order by Commander Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 164, 22125 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy, Texas 77450.

Opening ceremony conducted

Roll Call conducted by the Adjutant.

Minutes of the last meeting were motioned by Adjutant to be accepted as posted on the District web site. Seconded by Dan King. Motion passed.

Commander Thomas recognized the distinguished guests.

Reports:

Vice Commander Woodstrom reported on the District membership. He noted that Post should be 50% by Sept. 10th. He identified the Posts that made goal as 52, 164, 472, 521 and 594. He note that only 3 Posts recruited new members, and only 1 Post transferred members from 345. He provided a written report for filing.

Commander Thomas gave each Post the number of members needed for the Post to make 100% of goal for the year. He also noted that Post 416 needed to get the Post Adjutant on the job as the Post recorded no renewals during this period.

Adjutant No Report

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave the Finance report. Motion to accept the report made by Dan King. Seconded by James King. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate Butch Sparks presented the issues with the demolishing of the unsafe and uninhabitable properties belonging to Post 594. He addressed the safety and security procedures to implemented for the property yet to be deposed. He also noted the email that he distributed informing the District of the TABC requirements for clubroom operations that he recommended that Commanders review.

Chaplain Harvey reminded all to keep him updated on any members that are ill.

Historian No Report

Sgt-at- Arms James McGuire reported 21 attendees

Committee Reports

Scouts Commander Thomas read a letter written to the 22nd District by our first female Eagle Scout.

Constitution & By-Laws Chairman Butch Sparks reported on the recommended Post additions added addressing social media. Likewise he noted that these revisions/additions are as valuable for District implementation and that they can be submitted at the September Fall DEC in Austin, TX.

National Security Chairman McQueen reported on the need for and lack of Poll Workers for this year's Election. He encouraged and solicited for volunteers. He reported on ATLAS, its application and its service availability in remote areas.

Oratorical Chairman Dan King reminded all of the Post's dates (October thru Dec 11th) to conduct their competitions, the dates of District (Jan 9th) Post 521, Division (February 15th) at post 521, and Department (February 15th alt Feb22nd) contest location TBD.

SAL Chairman Dan King reported that due to the consecutive rise in dues to be imposed on members, the could foresee the declining membership as inevitable, and possibly collapse the entire organization.

VA&R Chairman James King reminded all of the limited services being conducted at the V.A. Hospital. Most services that are being provided are virtual from remote offices. He also noted that I-Pads (free of charge) are being given for veterans by a non profit organization.

Webmaster Woodstrom reminded all to use the site to promote Post activities and to provide post updates as well.

Hub master Sparks likewise reminded all that if we don't provided input he can't post.

Training Chairman Sparks referenced a training module that assist with instructions for Post Operations that was posted by the Hub master.

Unfinished Business

Commander Thomas thanked members from Posts 416, 52, 472, 164, 521, and 77 for the volunteers and financial contributions to aid the District in its efforts to support Legionnaires and families suffering from the effects of Hurricane Laura. The Commander and several volunteers travel to the region with supplies. Legionnaire Valdez produced a video that was sent by Butch Sparks to National for publication in the monthly Legion magazine.

New Business

Motion by Lynn Sparks to accept all monies donated to the District treasury by Post 164 Auxiliary (T Party). Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion passed

Motion by Dan King to have T Party monies (\$2,500.00) given by Katy Auxiliary 164, to the 22nd District, designated in our budget by line number for Disaster Relief (Hurricane Relief Saving Acct.) Seconded by Butch Sparks. Motion passed.

Good of the Legion

Post 164 raffling off Fishing Trip (4 Tickets) in Galveston Texas. See Jim McGuire for details.

The winning ticket for the Auxiliary drawing was held by Juan Torres of Post 472. \$21.00 was the amount won.

Commander Contella Post 490 provided update on several activities and events that have taken place at the Post. He reported that the Post provided supplies for back to school, held a successful membership drive, and provided a written report that detailed each event.

Butch Sparks also reminded the DEC of the loss of one the American Legion's most devoted Legionnaires, Ramirez of Post 472. His contributions were numerous and noteworthy! He will be missed

Andy Pollack passed away recently as well. Pray for the family.

Ben Edwards asked for some clarification on the use of the ZOOM application for voting at regular meetings in Texas. There is some contradictions as to the authority for being able verify the authority to do so. Commander Thomas and Butch Sparks commented on the subject in efforts to satisfy the concern. Vice Commander Woodstrom asked for the source of the authority. The discussion ended with the Fall DEC being the place for clarification.

DEC adjourned 15:15

Adjutant