

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT, POST 164**

**12225 KINGSLAND BOULEVARD, KATY, TEXAS 78248**

**JULY 18, 2021, 2PM**

**Meeting opened by Commander Woodstrom at 2pm at Post 164**

**Opening ceremony conduct per the American Legion Ceremonial Manual**

**Roll call conducted by Adjutant Mitchell. Per the Judge Advocate there was a quorum present**

**Introductions of distinguished guests by Commander Woodstrom included, NECman, Past Dept. Commander, Past Dist Cmdr Butch Sparks, Past Dept Cmdr, Past Division Cmdr, Past Dist Cmdr, Lynn Sparks, Past Division Cmdr, Past Dist Cmdr, Dan King, Past Dist Cmdr Joseph Thomas, and Past Dist Cmdr Jimmy Mitchell.**

**Reading of the Minutes: Adjutant Mitchell motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept them as posted on the District website. Seconded by Joseph Thomas. Motion passed**

**Resolutions: One resolution read for the nomination of Lynn Sparks for the high office of Alternate NEC man for the Dept. of Texas. Motion to endorse the nomination by Joseph Thomas. Seconded by Post 654 Motion passed**

**Officer Reports**

**Adjutant No Report**

**Finance Officer Finance Officer gave finance report and motioned that it be accepted as presented. Seconded by Adjutant Mitchell. Motion passed**

**Judge Advocate Sparks provided highlights from the Dept. Convention to include the revised 22<sup>nd</sup> District Constitution & By-Laws, a change in the timeline of Certification of Officer, the Post with revoked CB&L, and the realignment of the 9<sup>th</sup> District into two (2) Districts 9<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Districts. He motion to have his report accepted. Seconded by James McGuire. Motion passed**

**Chaplain No Report**

**Sgt-at-Arms McGuire presented a roster of attendees, 19 present.**

**Posts Reports**

**Commander Cronin of Post 490 gave the highlights of his Post activities and will provide a written report to the Adjutant for filing. To be sent via email.**

**Commander Woodstrom reported on Posts giving 2 minute scripts for every Legionnaire to use when approaching potential recruits for the Legion.**

**Committee Reports**

**Americanism No Report**

## **Baseball No Report**

**Boys State** Chairman Mitchell asked that each Post would pass any information of their activities to recognize the candidates after the event at their Post.

**Community Service** James McGuire reported some key points about CPRs and the elements that need specific attention when filling out the forms. He has written report.

## **Children and Youth**

**Disaster Preparedness** No Report

**Hub master** Needs email addresses.

## **Legislature**

**POW MIA** Commander Woodstrom offered the position to anyone willing to take on the duties.

**Oratorical** Commander Woodstrom mentioned the upcoming season and the preparation that needs to start to be ready for the season. He encouraged every Post to have at least (1) contestant this year to have a competitive district.

**Public Relations** Dan King noted that we should look at the home schooled students as potential candidates for our programs. David Kang mentioned some issues with certain cultures (Chinese) allowing their children to participate in our programs.

**SAL** Commander Woodstrom asked if anyone would take on the task of this program. Legionnaire Kendrick Bradley accepted the task.

**School Awards** No Report

**Scouting** Joseph Thomas reported that there are still some issues unresolved with the program. Some of the boys are completing a camping trip and for the District to keep them in our prayers.

**VA&R** No Report

**Webmaster** Woodstrom asked for updated and current information on Post 521 Commander

**Training** There will be Dept. of Texas Legion training in Harlington and dates to be announced. Search website for the suggested short periods (2 minutes) of training for Post Commanders.

**Membership** Commander Woodstrom stated the two (52 & 164) Posts that achieved and exceeded 100% of goal for 2021. He also noted the results of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

## **Unfinishd Business**

Commander Woodstrom brought the resignation of District Commander Joseph Thomas before the DEC. He had the Sgt-at-Arms bring Commander Thomas to the podium. Commander Thomas spoke very briefly and left the podium.

Then Commander Woodstrom invited Adjutant Mitchell to the podium to make a statement. Adjutant Mitchell tendered his resignation as 22<sup>nd</sup> District Adjutant. Motion to accept by Butch Sparks, Seconded by James McGuire. Motion passed by majority vote.

**Commander Woodstrom presented Legionnaires Kendrick Bradley for Vice Commander, James McGuire for Adjutant, Sharon Bradley for Sgt-at-Arms, and Christina Golden Asst Sgt-at-Arms. Motion to accept these Legionnaires for these Offices by Jimmy Mitchell. Seconded by Lynn Sparks. Motion passed**

**Motion to have these Legionnaires serve out the remaining tour of the 2021 2022 Officer positions in which they are now appointed by Butch Sparks, Seconded by John Cronin. Motion passed.**

**Commander Woodstrom swore in the new Officers, presented them to the DEC, and had them take the positions to which they were appointed. Kendrick Bradley replaced Vice Commander Woodstrom James McGuire replaced Adjutant Jimmy Mitchell, and Sharon Bradley replaced Sgt-at-Arms James McGuire.**

**Commander Woodstrom Issued Awards to Post 52 Commander, 100% Membership Certificate, 100% ribbon, 100% Honor Ribbon, 100% Commander pin and 100% Adjutant Pin.**

**Commander Woodstrom issued a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Certificate of Appreciation for Boy Scouts and the District Commander to Joseph Thomas.**

**Commander Woodstrom issued a 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Certificate of Appreciation for Boy's State to Jimmy Mitchell.**

**Commander Woodstrom discussed under New Business the Department Membership Goals for the coming year:**

**50% Sept 8**

**55% Oct 13**

**60% Nov 10**

**75% Dec 8**

**80% Jan 2**

**85% Feb 9**

**90% Mar 9**

**100% Apr 9**

**Commander Woodstrom then spoke of Department Commanders Membership Goals**

**80% Nov 11**

**90% Jan 1**

**100% Mar 15**

**105% June 1**

**Commander Woodstrom stated that the District had 6 Post whose CB&L were not updated and were revoked.**

**Commander Woodstrom spoke of goals for the District:**

**1 Application for EMT, Fire Fighter, Law Enforcement from each Post**

**100% Consolidated Post Reports**

**1 Boy's State Candidate from each Post**

**1 Oratorical Candidate from each Post**

**10 – 15 Minutes of training at all Post Meetings**

**5 Post Revitalizations for the District**

**Basic Training By all Post Officers**

**Start a new Post**

**Lynn Sparks moved to pay the bond for the District Officers, John Cronin seconded, motion passed.**

**Lynn Sparks Moved to have Pre Authorized \$100.00 for Office Supplies, John Cronin seconded, motion passed.**

**Lynn Sparks moved for the funds in the dedicated accounts be moved to the Department Chase Account, Butch Sparks seconded, motion passed.**

**Butch Sparks moved for the District to purchase new Covers for the new District Officers, Commander Winters seconded, motion passed.**

**Andy Valadez was recommended as a possible Public Relations Officer for the District.**

**Chaplain gave the closing prayer**

**SGT at Arms retired the POW/MIA flag and the Colors of our Nation.**

**Commander Woodstrom Adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.**