

DEC Meeting 22nd District at Post 164 Katy Texas. June 2020

Meeting called to order by Commander Thomas at 1400 and conducted opening ceremony activities.

Roll Call conducted by Adjutant. All District Officers present except Historian Dan King. Committee Chairmen absent included Americanism, Baseball, Oratorical and SAL. Posts not represented were 316, 319, 391, 594 & 596.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice Commander provided a written report of the District's membership activities. He reported that there were two Posts in the District that made the 100% goal. They are Posts 52 & 164. He also reported that no Post achieved the requirements he set for the Posts to receive the monetary challenge that he posted. The requirements for Post's updated Constitution and By-Laws have been met by only two Posts (52 & 316). His report is on file with District Adjutant.

Adjutant requested that the minutes of the last meeting (Feb. 2020) be accepted as listed on the District Website. Motion to accept made by Lynn Sparks. Seconded by Vice Commander Woodstrom. Motioned passed.

Finance Officer provided finance report and request that it be accepted for filing. Motion to accept by Adjutant Mitchell. Seconded by Al McQueen. Motion passed.

Judge Advocate No Report

Chaplain reported that Post 472 had two (2) members deceased and Dan King also loss a family member.

Sgt-at-Arms McGuire reported that 20 Legionnaires were present. Post 77 Commander Gonzalez joined the DEC after the report was rendered tot he podium. Total count was 21 present.

Commander Thomas acknowledged several Legionnaires that joined the meeting that had not been with us in a while.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism No Report

Baseball No Report

Boy Scouts Commander made general comment concerning the problems in general that are plaguing the program.

Boys State The Chairman asked for each Post to acknowledge the number of boys that participated this year's program, and if the Vice Commander would read the response from one of the boys concerning his experience. The count indicated that the District had 43 to participate.

Legislative Commander Thomas provided brief comments

National Security No Report

Commander Thomas commented on the National Commander's statement on defending the right to protest and the reviving of three (3) Posts.

VA&R Commander King reported on the issues still plaguing the hospital and staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Webmaster reported on the different applications listed on our site for our use, and that he is available to assist Posts with site building if they request his assistance.

Hub Master requested that election results be forward to him for record.

Commander Thomas reminded the Commanders of the need for Posts to immediately submit Post Certifications and that Post 596's still missing as well as their Constitution & By-Laws. Also, Posts 416 & 596 need to submit CPRs. He reminded all that these reports support and validate the National commander's facts as he addresses Congress. He noted that blood drives are events that each Post can do and having them noted by so many Posts shows the Congress how involved we are in the community effort to be of service. He indicated that Legionnaire Andy Valdez will work with the District to ensure that the election issues are addressed and worked. He re emphasized the Hub Master's points of sending information to update the site, and mentioned the Committee positions that are still unfilled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Butch Sparks to have District Commander send a letter to Post 596 of their 2 year delinquency in submission of required reports (Post Data Form, Post Certification & Const & By-Laws) after several attempts by Adjutant and Commander to have them render those reports. Seconded by Al McQueen. Motion passed. It was further mentioned at this time that the Post has an active Auxiliary. Question as to the ability of the unit if the Post is suspended? Post 654 offered its Post for a meeting site for the Unit if needed.

Commander Thomas informed all that had submitted monies for the District Convention that refund request need to be directed to Dan King. Commander Thomas informed the DEC that he will independently contribute a donation of \$5.00 at each DEC to aid in keeping our treasury active. The Vice Commander pledged the same. Commander asked for commitments for Posts to host the DEC meetings, and the list below indicates the results.

July 12, 2020 Post 521, August 9, 2020 Post 654, September 13, 2020 Post 164, October 11, 2020 Post 472, November & December No DEC, January 10, 2020 Post 490, February 21, 2020 Post 164, March 14, 2020 Post 490, April 10, 2020 Post 521.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Vice Commander Woodstrom addressed the issue of membership and the Buddy Check. Again he offered up his services to us to help with how to navigate the system when and if requested.

It was noted at this time that an issue that should have been discussed in New business was missed. Motion to return to New Business made by Lynn Sparks. Seconded by Jim McQueen. Motion passed. returned to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander Thomas referenced a letter dtd May 23, 2020 from Post 654 to the District Commander requesting assistance with matters of grave importance towards the continued survival of the Post 654. the letter specifically asked for an investigation into the financial operations of the Post. The Commander appointed an Audit Committee consisting of the District Finance Officer Lynn Sparks, Vice Commander Harry Woodstrom, and Chaplain Robert Harvey. Lynn Sparks gave a report on the finding of the Committee's work. After the reading of the findings, a motion made by Butch Sparks to have the findings to be made part of the District permanent records. Seconded by Al McQueen. Motion passed.

A motion made to by Lynn Sparks to return to Good of the Legion. Seconded by Ben Edwards. Motion passed.

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The CARES ACT was brought to the floor for discussion by Butch Sparks. The discussion referenced the needs that could be anticipated and supported when a Post is in need of assistance due to major and catastrophic events. It was noted the effects of COVID-19 on the survival of some Posts. The discussion pursued ideas of 22nd District presenting a resolution to fund such devastation. Issue still open for follow up. Discussions will continue.

Commander Thomas adjourned the DEC at 15:30 pm.