

The District Executive Committee Meeting for Sunday March 8, 2020 was called to order by Commander Thomas at 1400 hours at Post 472 7599 Avenue C Houston TX 77038.

Opening ceremony conducted

Roll Call conducted by District Adjutant reflected that Posts 316, 319, 391, 594, 596 and 654 were absent. With 6 Posts and all District Officers present the Commander had a quorum.

Minutes were asked to be waived and read at next meeting by Adjutant. Seconded by Lynn Sparks. Discussion revealed that the members requested a reading of the minutes via Commander's phone. The motion was rejected by majority vote. Minutes were read by Adjutant as directed. There were corrections noted (Vice commander request that the 100% plus comment be corrected to state 120%, also noted by Ed that the concern he expressed was eligibility not immigration status), also Lynn Sparks noted that Commander introduction of past 22nd leaders should be addressed as Dignitaries not guests, Resolution read by Adjutant announcing John Cronin's bid for the office of 22nd District Vice Commander was pre dtd for March 2020, which should be addressed in Old Business for action, Commander Thomas noted the training in February at Post 164 was Service Officer training only, and that minutes should address Officers in the capacity they are currently operating in, ex. I noted comments from Butch Sparks and titled him as NECman verses District Judge Advocate, with these corrections noted, James King motioned to accept the February minutes as read w/correction noted. Seconded by Dan King. Motion passed.

Commander Thomas introduced dignitaries and guest

Officer Reports

Vice Commander Woodstrom reported on the District's membership goal status. He reported that March 11, 2020 the goal is 90 %. He reported the requirements to include timeline for Posts to achieve the Legion Family Honor Award. He also, gave the new address for Boys State Orientation, Post 164 Katy Tx, 22125 Kingsland, Katy TX 77000, the new Volunteer Fire Department.

Adjutant No Report

Finance Officer Lynn Sparks gave report on District's finances and asked for its acceptance. Finance Officer Sparks provided a written report for adjutant file. Motion to accept as presented by adjutant Mitchell. Seconded by Vice Commander Woodstrom. Motion passed.

Constitution & By-Laws Chairman Butch Sparks reported on the required upgrades in the District Constitution & By- Laws. It is ready for signatures and posting on District website. He gave the webmaster the all clear to post.

Chaplain Harvey reminded all Commanders to ensure that all Legionnaires that had transitioned to Post Everlasting were passed to him so they could be recognized at the District Convention.

Historian No Report

Sgt-at-Arms McGuire reported that 19 members present and no guests. He provided a written report to the Adjutant.

Committee Reports

Americanism No Report

Baseball No Report

Scouts Commander Thomas received a paper on a scout (Zackery Bryant) but with no indication as to what Post might have submitted the document. No one owned the submission.

Boys State Chairman Mitchell reminded all present of the short time frame to get boys identified and processed for this year's Boys State event.

Legislative Chairman Thomas reminded all that there will be live viewing of the National Commander's presentation to Congress on capitol hill 9am eastern standard time.

National Security No Report

Oratorical No Report

VA&R Chairman James King reported on the new procedures to go into effect Monday morning at the V A Hospital. Some Hospital staff told not to come in and that they would work via the virtual workplace until further notice. Volunteers were given six (6) weeks off.

S.A.L. Chairman Dan King reported on the steady progress of the Squadrons performance and submitted a written report.

Webmaster Woodstrom again reminded all of the capacity of the site and the fact that we are under using its capacity to reach out and tell our stories.

Hubmaster No Report

Past Commander No Report

Unfinished Business The legitimacy of the Resolution submitted February 23rd, by post 490 in support of John Cronin's endorsement for Vice Commander 22nd District. The Resolution was dtd March 11, 2020 at the Post meeting but submitted to the District Adjutant February 23, 2020 for reading. Motion from the floor to render the submission invalid due to conflicting dates. Seconded by James King. Motion passed.

New Business Motion by Lynn Sparks to have a line item for Sons of American Legion (S.A.L.) on the 22nd District's Annual Finance Budget. Seconded by Dan King. Motion passed.

Commander Thomas reported on the elimination of the following committees, P.O.W & Popcorn and the addition of the following, Junior Shooting, Disaster Preparedness, and Public Relations. He also requested volunteers to chair the Committees.

Good of the Legion

Post 490 Commander Lundstrum, announced the May 16, 2020 fund raiser benefiting 1st Responders, military, and Veterans. BBQ plates \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door. There will also be Band, Car Show, Raffles Lottery Hat, Freezer, deserts with door prizes hourly. Open to the public!

Legionnaire Hector Hernandez Post 77 reported on the funeral services of Joe Chavez. Viewing Tuesday 5-8 pm All American Heritage Funeral Home Veterans 10710 Veterans Memorial Drive Houston TX 77038, and Burial Services Wednesday 10 -11:15 All American Heritage Funeral Home. There will be cassion ceremony to finalize the services.

District Judge Advocate noted that the District training for the District Convention would center on Service Officer training.

Commander again requested that if any of the Commanders hadn't seen him and signed time sensitive documents to do so prior to leaving.

Commander conducted closing ceremony

Meeting adjourned 15:18pm

Next meeting will be District Convention April 18, 2020 at Post 521