

**American Legion
Jeremy E. Ray Post 324
Jersey Village, TX**

**August 8, 2021
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 8 officers present:

Commander Stefanie Otto
Vice Commander David Pyke
Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman
Adjutant Larry Dick
Service Officer Bill Brown
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner
Historian Robert Howard
Chaplin John Link

And 10 other members for a total of 18 members and 6 guests in attendance. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

Minutes:

Adjutant Larry Dick read the minutes from July meeting. David Pyke made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Bill Brown. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$14,930.91 as of July 1, 2021. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Jerry Roberts and seconded by David Pyke. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Commander Otto welcomed Boy's State Attendee Jack Gourgues to speak to the post about his experience.

Commander also welcomed new member Bernie Youngblood, Air Force and two guests WWII Veterans James McFee and Weldon Schelack, and one other guest.

Committee Reports:

Service Officer Bill Brown noted that if you want to know more about what the American Legion is and does, there is a learning course about the Legion at legion.org. Bill also gave a list of some of the opportunities and activities he worked on this month. See attached document.

Old Business

VA is still looking for buddies to call.

We will be looking about family dinner for Christmas possibly at the VFW and have meal catered in.

New Business

Commander explained the new changes about the area wear the Officers sit being no longer sacred space per State of Texas Legion.

Commander discussed the 3rd quarter charity to be for the VA Chaplin Service. Donate \$25 cards or checks and also Metro Bus \$10 cards. Commander ask for a motion to give \$100 towards the VA Chaplin Service. Jimmy Baughman motioned and Wayne Huebner seconded. Motion passed and was approved by membership. Our 4th quarter charity will be Blue Santa. Bring unwrapped toys and we will purchase VA items for \$250 that Commander buys from the post.

This is coming back again and is the 'No Vet Dies Alone'. These are ladies that are on Hospice and you will need to work though the VA Chaplin Service. Get with Commander if interested.

Membership goal for this year is 204, last year it was 187.

The Fall District Convention is October 2nd at Post 560. It is on a Saturday and is \$20 per person.

VFW 8905 is having a BBQ on September 10-11.

Sick Call:

RON LANCE

TIM GIVENS – Cancer

TED LUKEMAN – Wife Janet Chemo

JANET DONATH

TRENTON DAVIS – Wife Kristi

Good of the Legion

Wayne Huebner discussed the PTSD Group he attends on Monday in Katy. New program coming up.

Bill Brown discussed the convention and the issues we have with losing members and not bringing in new ones and younger veterans.

Discussed the Color Guard.

Adjourn:

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1700 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, September 12th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, Hwy 290.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Dick

Adjutant