

**American Legion
Jeremy E. Ray Post 324
Jersey Village, TX
March 10, 2024
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1601 hours. There were 8 officers present:

Commander Stefanie Otto
1st Vice Commander David Pyke
2nd Vice Commander Open
Service Officer Bill Brown
Adjutant Terry Coon
Finance Officer Michael LaRose
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner
Chaplin Richard Ater - Absent
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor
Historian Robert Howard

And 14 other members and 0 visitor for a total of 22 were present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

New Members:

Returning member Jeff Mueller is a 15-year Navy Veteran during the Desert Storm campaign. He is returning to the Jersey Village Post.

Minutes:

Adjutant Terry Coon requested a motion to forgo reading the minutes from the last meeting by distribution of minutes via email to all members. Wayne Huebner motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jim Bramble. Motion was then passed by membership.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer: Michael LaRose reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$8,564.01 as of 03/01/2024 (not including the \$500.00 set aside for Veterans in need, return of check from Irene Infante and \$57.00 restricted funds for Women's Auxiliary.) Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Jimmy Baughman and seconded by Wayne Huebner. The motion passed by membership.

Committees

1st Vice: The District meeting on March 5th announced the election of new officers to be voted on at the District convention on April 6, 2024 in Crosby at Post 658. We know that George Snell is a candidate for District Commander and Irene Infante is a candidate for 1st Vice Commander.

2nd Vice: N/A

Chaplin: Absent

Sgt of Arms: Nothing to report.

JAG: Absent

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

Judge Adjutant: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. Commander Stefanie Otto brought to members the nominations and election of Post 324 officers. The nominees for officers:
 - a. Commander – Stefanie Otto
 - b. 1st Vice – David Pyke
 - c. 2nd Vice – James Bramble
 - d. Adjutant – Terry Coon
 - e. Chaplin – Richard Ater

- f. Finance Officer – Mike LaRose
- g. Judge Adjutant – Trey Pryor
- h. Service officer – Bill Brown
- i. Historian – Irene Infante
- j. Sergeant of Arms – Wayne Heubner

A motion was made by Jimmy Baughman and Seconded by Jerry Roberts to vote for all nominees and elect these members as officers for stated positions. Motion was passed by the members. Commander announced all officers will be sworn in at the April 14th regular meeting.

2. Trey Pryor reminded everyone of the March 23rd Bus trip to the Giddings Wendish Museum and Church with Lunch there. Meet at the Weekly Community Center by 8:15am to leave at 8:30am. We will return by 3:30pm. Cost is \$20. Request Adjutant send information out again to all members.

New Business:

1. Commander Stefanie Otto announced that District 8 Spring Convention is on April 6th in Crosby TX at Post 658 from 8:30am to about 3pm. Our post will pay the \$20 fee for those who wish to attend. This includes breakfast and lunch.
2. We will be hosting the Tuesday May 7th DEC meeting here at the VFW main hall. Meeting starts at 6pm and conclude around 8:30pm. We will be serving pizza for dinner.
3. Mother's Day is May 12th so we will have our monthly meeting on May 19th. June has no conflict since Father's Day is on the 3rd Sunday.
4. Camp Hope is our 1st quarter charity and starting in April our 2nd quarter charity is Grace After Fire. Grace After Fire could use donations of Walmart gift cards to give to women with emergency needs.
5. Jimmy Baughman moved that the Post should donate \$150 to Camp Hope. This was seconded by Bill Brown. Under discussion the motion was passed then amended to donate \$200 by same individuals. Amended motion was passed by the members.
6. If anyone needs shirts, please see Commander Stefanie Otto after the meeting. Cost is generally \$35.00 each.

Good of the Legion:

1. Irene Infante has brochure of other needs for homeless veterans housing. Casual wear for men is needed. VA needs volunteers. She has books on eligibility. Anyone rated at 30 percent or more can apply for travel to care reimbursement. Don't forget to fill out donation declaration forms when you donate items.
2. The VA care app for your phone has a blue button to obtain your health records. James Bramble commented that the Premium Account setup was GREAT.
3. Vietnam Veteran's Day Car Show is Saturday 30th sponsored by Post 586. Adjutant sending out information to members.
4. Texas Veteran's Land Day is March 16th in Conroe at the Civic Center. This is a property ownership and job fair. Adjutant sending our information to members.
5. Boy's state currently has 10 candidates with 3 having paid so far.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1638 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, April 14th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:
Terry Coon, Adjutant