

**American Legion
Jeremy E. Ray Post 324
Jersey Village, TX
December 10, 2023
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 7 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 Absent

And 13 other members and 13 visitors (family day) for a total of 33 were present. A quorum was met, and the meeting continued.

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. Bill Brown motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Wayne Huebner. Motion was then passed by membership.

Finance Report:

Finance Officer: Michael LaRose reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$8,569.91 as of 12/1/2023 (not including the \$500.00 set aside for Veterans in need and \$57.00 restricted funds for Women's Auxiliary.) Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Bill Brown and seconded by Wayne Huebner. The motion passed by membership.

Committees

1st Vice: Nothing to Report.

Sgt of Arms: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

Judge Adjutant: Nothing to report.

Historian: Absent

Chaplin: Absent

New Member: Evertte Penn is an Army veteran and served as a Quarter Master during Desert Storm. He is very interested in helping with Boy's State and the Oratorical contest.

Old Business:

1. The Stefanie Otto, commander reported that with \$163.33 collected for the toy drive toys donated the Jersey Village Police and Fire are not participating in the drive. We need to decide who to give them to. My work is doing a Toys for Tots drive, and I can take them all there. Any suggestions and we can split it. Curtis Haverty submitted for Cypress area Ministries supported by 11 churches. They have 980 kids they are doing Christmas presents for. Curtis and his wife volunteer there. They vet every request. Tom Zahn submitted Texas Childrens. Toys will be split between all recommendations once Stefanie contacts Texas Childrens.
2. Reminder that there is a Bus Trip on January 27th to visit the Veterans Museum in Huntsville and Lunch. Please contact 7 days before the trip if you want to go.
3. On January 6th Post 324 is hosting the district 8 Oratorical contest at Jersey Village community center. We need judges. Contact Wayne Huebner if you can help.

New Business:

1. Stefani Otto, commander submitted a request to provide Irene Infante with funds for a hotel of \$250.00 for mid-winter conference. Tom Zahn motioned to provide the \$250.00 to Irene and Wayne Huebner seconded. Motion was passed by members.

Good of the Legion:

1. Curtis Haverty announced that the EMT from Post 324 winner has won the Fire fighter of the year for the State of Texas.

David Pyke moved we closed the meeting for enjoying our Family Dinner. It was seconded by Jerry Roberts. Motion was passed by membership.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1625 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, January 14th at 1600 hours (4pm) at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:
Terry Coon, Adjutant