

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

**March 12th, 2023  
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

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

Commander Stefanie Otto  
1st Vice Commander David Pyke  
2nd Vice Commander Bill Brown  
Service Officer Bill Brown  
Adjutant Larry Dick  
Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman  
Sgt-at-Arms Wayne Huebner  
Chaplin Richard Ater - Absent  
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor - Absent  
Historian Robert Howard

And 20 other members and 1 visitor for a total of 29 present. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

**Minutes:**

Adjutant Larry Dick read the minutes from the February meeting. Robert Howard motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Donna McCarty. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

**Finance Report:**

Finance Officer: Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$8,754.80 as of 03/01/2023. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by David Pyke and seconded by Wayne Huebner. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

**Commanders Report:**

Commander introduced visitor Chuck (JC) Custard Navy from Post 560.

**Committees**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice David Pyke: Boy State on May 1<sup>st</sup>. April 19<sup>th</sup> is event to support at Sun City Civic center from 10am to 2pm San Jacinto Post 397. May 20<sup>th</sup> Second Division Convention is in Willis.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Bill Brown: Scouting program is going and growing. Want to be #1 group in Texas. There are two Eagle Scout projects. One Corbett Jones whose project is building flag disposal boxes we will monitor. Bill for now but in May will ask for locks. Second project is collection of cleaning supplies for homeless housing Cloud Break under US Vets Org 501C. Final hand off of donations is for Scouts to be there to disperse to Veterans in person.

**Service Officer Bill Brown:** Went to Veterans fair at Aldine-Mail Route post talking to Veterans about their rights for benefits under the PAC act. Helped 13 veterans.

**Sgt of Arms:** Everyone sign the roster today. PAC act is a real thing. Any clinic will take you.

**Historian Robert Howard:** Be sure to submit your service stories and the book "An Uncharted Progression" will be available both paper back and digital formats.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Nominations and elections for Post officers took place:**

- **Commander: Stefanie Otto**
- **Adjutant: Terry Coon**
- **Finance Officer: Mike Larose**
- **1st Vice Commander: David Pyke**
- **2nd Vice Commander: Open**
- **Chaplin: Richard Ater**
- **Sgt-at-Arms: Wayne Huebner**
- **Service Officer: Bill Brown**
- **Historian: Robert Howard**
- **Judge Advocate: Trey Prior**
- **2 alternates for the Executive Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> alternate Bob Riley. Second alternate Jerry Rogers.**

**Motion to elect nominees was made by Donna McCarty and seconded by Jimmy Baughman.**

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

- 2. The Spring Convention will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>; From 8am to 2 or 3pm and businesses can purchase ads up until March 19<sup>th</sup>.**
  - a. A discussion for purchase of a \$50 gift basket and request for motion was made. Motion submitted by Bill Brown, Seconded by Jerry Roberts and Passed by members.**
- 3. Boy's State is June 11 through June 16. Our post will be hosting the Orientation which will be on June 3 from 10 to 12 in the big hall. Members can come to listen. If you know someone Junior going into Senior. Currently we have more than 9 not including those from Cypress which looks like a total of 19. Our goal of 20.**
- 4. Keep selling the raffle tickets for our fund raiser.**
- 5. Request for discussion and motion for our quarterly charity of \$100.00 for Camp Hope. Motion made by Wayne Huebner, Second by Bob Riley, Passed by members.**

### **New Business:**

1. Next 2 meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month: April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is the Cy-Fair Garden Show at the Berry Center. We need volunteers to man the booth.
3. Curtis Haverty stated that the Jersey Village Founders Day is April 15<sup>th</sup> at Clark Henry Park. Still need 3 more people to help cook the Chili for the cookoff.
4. Commander requested funds for various post branded give aways such as koozies and coloring books. Motion made by Wayne Huebner for no more than \$500 total. Second by Jerry Roberts. Motion passed by members.
5. Commander reminded us that Grace after Fire is our next quarter charity. Walmart gift cards and Women's clothing are needed.
6. Commander: March 13h is national Veteran Canine Day and food, dog blankets and treats need to be donated. See Irene Infante today.
7. Commander: Dates to remember:
  - a. March 29<sup>th</sup> is Vietnam Memorial Day
  - b. March 15<sup>th</sup> is American Legion's Birthday
  - c. March 19<sup>th</sup> is Iraqi Freedom Day

### **Good of the Legion:**

1. Chaplin: Weekend before Memorial Day (need clarification for date and time) would like to have the Post Color guard at service for the Episcopal Church on Fry Road.
2. Irene Infante: Homeless Veteran's center is looking for men's casual wear and shoes.
3. Wayne Huebner: The VA hospital volunteers is open again.
4. Commander: If you need shirts, please come put your requests on this list.

### **Adjourn:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1706 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, April 16th at 1600 hours (4 pm) at VFW 8905, HWY 290 next to Carl's BBQ.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Dick

Adjutant