

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

**May 16, 2021
Regular Meeting – Minutes**

Commander Stefanie Otto called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. There were 9 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
Chaplin John Link
Historian Robert Howard
Judge Advocate Trey Pryor

And 6 other members for a total of 15 in attendance. A quorum was met and the meeting continued.

Commander introduced Tana Aescher from Grace After Fire, a Women's Veteran organization to help with PTSD and other needs. Tana is a Navy Veteran and Legion Member. Some of the things they help with; financial needs, housing, free retreats, and social events. For our second quarter Charity, they would like to get Wal-Mart cards and women's clothing.

Minutes:

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

Finance Report:

Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman reported that the available funds of Post 324 were \$15,255.35 as of May 1, 2021. Motion to accept finance report pending further audit was made by Robert Howard and seconded by David Pyke. Motion passed and was approved by membership.

Committee Reports:

1st Vice David Pyke reported on the audit that was performed with Finance Officer Jimmy Baughman, Judge Advocate Trey Pryor and 1st Vice Commander David Pyke. Finances were found to be in order and was approved for this year.

Historian Robert Howard would like to see more veteran story experiences.

Service Officer Bill Brown discussed Service Opportunities with 3 veterans, and attended most of the Two-Day Virtual Summit for the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and Interacted with the VA website to gain first-hand experience to help in advising veterans.

Old Business

Commander informed us that James Irwin had passed away.

Boy's State will be virtual again this year and we have 7 applications now with 4 more coming. June 27 – July 2

District 8 will be having meetings about shutting down Posts that are not doing what is required, like Post 397 and 499. Any post starting with 8 are designated as African American posts and they are trying to revitalize these posts.

Buddy Checks are still being done and you can call 713-794-7135 if you want to participate.

We will be having our post monthly meeting and family get-together July 11 at Spring Creek BBQ at 4pm.

Still deciding on what third quarter charity will be.

New Business

Discussed Membership

Jersey Village Police Chief has said the Officers of the Quarter will start back up again in July.

Continue with the Commander's Letter

June 12th is Women's Veteran's Day

Service Officer Bill Brown will be attending the 2nd Division Convention in June and Jerry Roberts motioned for all funds needed to be paid for by the post. David Pyke seconded the motion and it was approved by membership.

Sick Call:

RON LANCE

TIM GIVENS – Cancer

TED LUKEMAN – Wife Janet Chemo

JANET DONATH

TRENTON DAVIS – Wife Kristi

Good of the Legion

Trey Pryor informed that ROTC Major Ewing had passed away May 4th due to cancer.

Wayne Huebner noted that he and others meet for PTSD on Mondays in Katy Legion Canteen at 1pm.

Commander Colman is trying to get a PTSD group together.

Adjourn:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1700 hours. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, June 13th at 1600 hours (4pm) and it will be in-person at VFW 8905.

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry Dick

Adjutant