



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CARLON WALTERS POST 0018, HENRIETTA
CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
216 N. HANCOCK ST.
HENRIETTA, TX. 76365**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
17 September 2024**

DATE: 15 October 2024

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1906 hours.

Sargent-at-Arms Eli Nelson advanced the Colors.

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered an opening prayer.

Commander Don Morris led a moment of silence for POW/MIA, and then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion.

ROLL CALL

John McClure performed a roll call of Post Officers and Board Members.

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, 2nd Vice Commander Austin Forsythe, Adjutant John McClure, Finance Officer Beth Williams, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Asst. Chaplain Eddie Kelton, Historian Bonnie Philips, Service Officer Roger Palmateer, Sargent-at-Arms Elijah Nelson, and Executive Board member Weldon Sullivan.

Officers Absent: 1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, and Executive Board member Ron Webb.

Members present: Ron Paul

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: None

New members at this meeting: None

MINUTES

Minutes for the 20 August meeting were read by John McClure. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Roger Palmateer and seconded by Eddie Kelton. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Beth Williams, delivered the finance report stating that everything is paid through ~~November~~ ^{December}. Beth mentioned we should be using the tax exempt number as we purchase items to save the post money. She gave all members present a copy. Any members who need the number may contact Beth and she will get you that number.

Eli mentioned that it was voted on in a previous meeting to create an additional savings account and put half of all funds earned into that account as a building fund. Beth asked about opening an account at a local bank. Roger Palmateer made a motion that we move all accounts to a local bank and open an additional account for the building fund, seconded by Daniel Stearns. Don

stated that we must ensure that there are no fees for the account including min balance, deposits, direct deposits, etc. Motion was amended that we move all accounts to a local bank and open an additional account for the building fund following research by Beth on local banks and reporting to members at the next meeting for a vote on what bank to use. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNIFORM COMMITTEE: Eli Nelson, Chair: Eli informed members that there will be one more practice before pioneer reunion. Everything has been ordered and arrived except the cords are back ordered. Some members have volunteered to donate theirs for the parade in the event they have not arrived. The post is registered to be in the parade Friday and Saturday, as well as the booth for both days. Volunteers are needed to man the tent during the parade. Beth volunteered to assist on Friday and Saturday. Bonnie volunteered to assist on Saturday. Eli also mentioned that if the post wants to be in the parade other than the Color Guard, we will need the license plate and driver information by tomorrow. After a brief discussion it was decided he would pull us from the additional truck due to a lack of participation.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Eddie Kelton, Chair: Eli Nelson reported that Eddie has accepted the role of the chair. Eddie shared that committee members include Eli Nelson, John McClure, Austin Forsyth, and Bonnie Phillips. At their meeting they discussed fundraising at the Pioneer Reunion and suggest doing a 50/50 raffle the Second Sunday Luncheon. Eli Nelson made a motion to sell 50/50 raffle tickets \$2 or 6 for \$10 and Second Sunday Luncheon ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5 with 4 winners drawn. Daniel Stearns seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eddie mentioned that they discussed doing a 50/50 raffle at the Second Sunday Luncheons as well. Members decided to wait and see how the Pioneer Reunion raffle goes before committing to doing it at the luncheon.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Austin Forsythe, Chair: Austin discussed scheduling the highway clean-up. John suggested for ease of scheduling and people remembering we do highway clean up on the 1st Saturday of the month of each quarter. The next highway cleanup will be November 2nd. Austin also suggested that we do a cookout for the post members and their families at Hapgood park or the other park in town to create an opportunity for families to get to know each other. This event will be on November 2nd following the highway cleanup. After a discussion Roger Palmateer made a motion to start the cleanup at 1000hrs and then have the cookout at 1300hrs at Hapgood Park. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CENTER FLAGS

Eddie Kelton reported that the Community Center does not like the flagpole. He has looked into flagpoles and has found some nautical poles that can fly 3 flags. Eli pointed out in order for the flag to fly 24/7 there must be a light on the top. Eddie mentioned you can purchase a rope kit that adds a pulley on top. Don suggested we purchase a second pole and purchase a pulley kit for the second pole. John made a motion that Eddie does final research with cost of a new telescoping pole with a pulley and a rope kit for the existing pole to present to next meeting for vote. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The ceremony will be held at the Hope Cemetery on December 14th at 1100. The Uniform Committee will work on the program and report back to the members on progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Morris presented that the District 13 Conference will be held on 12 October 2024 at 1000hrs at Post 120 in Wichita Falls. The early bird registration is \$20 per head and must be postmarked by 4 October. After that it is \$25 at the door. Anyone interested in attending please get with John McClure so he can add you to the registration form and he will get with Beth Williams with a final count and money for a check to send with the registration form.

Veterans Day was discussed and John McClure made a motion that the Uniform Committee discuss and plan a ceremony and report back to the members at the next meeting. Eli Nelson Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John McClure mentioned it is time to renew our Adopt-a-Highway agreement. Daniel Stearns made a motion we renew our agreement. Bonnie Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carries

Eli Nelson discussed that at a previous meeting it was mentioned we could hang some items on the wall in our room at the Community Center. He made a motion that we purchase frames for our awards and display them. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, John McClure amended the motion to state that Bonnie Phillips should be in charge of picking out and purchase the frames. Motion Carried.

Beth Williams suggested that we send one of our post cards to each member as they renew. John and Beth will coordinate membership renewals and ensure those get sent out.

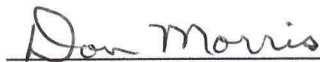
Daniel Stearns made a motion to adjourn. Beth Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLOSING

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

Sargent-at-Arms Eli Nelson retired the Colors.

Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 2028 hours.



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

September

20th – Pioneer Reunion, Float Parade 1000, Events on Courthouse Lawn 1000 - 1500

21st – Pioneer Reunion, Float Parade 1000, Events on Courthouse Lawn 1000 - 1600

October

13th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

10th – Uniform Committee Meeting, TBD

15th – General meeting, 1900

November

10th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

11th – Veterans Day

14th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

19th – General meeting, 1900

28th – Thanksgiving

December

8th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

12th – Uniform Committee Meeting, 1830

17th – General meeting, 1900