



**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
20 February 2024**

DATE: 19 March 2024

ROLL CALL

Steve Wentworth performed a roll call of officers and board members.

Officers present: Commander Don Morris, 1st Vice Commander Steve Wentworth, 2nd Vice Commander Eddie Kelton, Finance Officer Ron Paul, Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe, Chaplain Daniel Stearns, Historian Bonnie Philips, and Executive Board Member Ron Webb
Officers Absent: Adjutant John McClure, Service Officer Jason Deeken, and Executive Board member Terry Reed.

Members present: Weldon Sullivan, Elijah Nelson, Roger Palmateer, Beth Williams,
A quorum was present.

OPENING

Commander Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsythe advanced the Colors.

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered an opening prayer.

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

MINUTES

Minutes for the 16 January meeting were read by Steve Wentworth and a correction was noted that Eli Nelson contacted Bellevue HS and Don Morris contacted Petrolia HS which was reversed in minutes. With the correction a motion was made by Roger Palmateer and seconded by Beth Williams to accept. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS:

Guests at this meeting: None

New members at this meeting: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Officer Ron Paul delivered report stating that we had a successful Second Sunday and that all bills and expenses are paid. Weldon Sullivan made motion to accept and seconded by Eli Nelson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON:

As noted in January, the Second Sunday luncheon has been a great success but we continue to need as many members show up to help and support. Bonnie Phillips stated that just showing up will show support, having a meal with friends is a great thing for the community and the Post. Commander Morris suggested that we ask the Clay County Leader to print our add the week before on a continuing basis. Beth Williams asked about advertising on Facebook using local pages such as "Rants and Rave", Don Morris suggested we talk to John McClure. Don Morris made a motion to make the add in the Clay County Leader automatic, seconded by Steve Wentworth. Motion carried.

BOYS STATE:

Don Morris said that so far we have received no word from Petrolia HS so far as to a candidate for Boys State. Eli Nelson reported that Bellevue has none and Roger Palmateer said Henrietta HS has 2 candidates, Max Smith and Parker Rosenberg. Don Morris read Max Smith's resume and Roger Palmateer read Parker Rosenberg's. Both resumes were written by the individual candidates and were well done. Eli Nelson brought up the subject of providing extra funds (\$40.00) for "T" shirts. Discussion was held about offering both candidates this opportunity and it was suggested that we invite them to our next meeting so we can all meet them and answer their questions. A motion was made by Bonnie Phillips to offer them both this scholarship plus extra shirt cost (total about \$370.00 ea.) and was seconded by Beth Williams. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP:

Highway cleanup was discussed and a tentative date of March 30th. was suggested. We will discuss again at next meeting.

POST 0018 CONSTITUTION:

Our proposed constitution has been approved by The American Legion. A few changes are needed in our election of officers to conform so we will need to discuss before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonnie Phillips noted that our web page hasn't been updated in a while. That's because since they moved to new residence, they don't have internet service. She stated she hasn't lost interest and will get it updated ASAP.

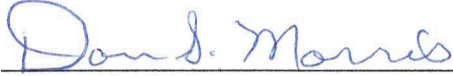
Steve Wentworth asked if we were going to participate in the community garage sale again this year. There was general interest to the affirmative so this will be brought up at following meetings.

Eli Nelson discussed the Pig Hunt he won at the Pioneer Reunion raffle we held. He said he didn't have success but had a good and cool time.

CLOSING

Chaplain Daniel Stearns offered a closing prayer.

Sargent-at-Arms Austin Forsyth retired the Colors.
Commander Don Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 1954 hours,



DON MORRIS
POST COMMANDER



JOHN MCCLURE
POST ADJUTANT

Upcoming events:

March:

30th – Tentative Highway Cleanup

April:

14th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

16th – General meeting, 1900

May:

12th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

21st – General meeting, 1900

June:

9th – Second Sunday Lunch, preparation 0800, lunch 1130 – 1300

18th – General meeting, 1900