**AMERICAN LEGION 436 ATASCOSA COUNTY**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commander Willie Leal called the meeting to order at, 17:50 hours, at the Post 436 facility.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Commander opened reading Chaplain's prayer. POW/MIA Chair Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum confirmed. Officers present: Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms. Judge Advocate mentioned.

**READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes from January 15, 2025 meeting were read and approved by motion from Caroline George, and seconded. Motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

* Kiera Wiatrek (Jourdanton HS Student, Texas Blue Bonnet Girls State Candidate)
* Katrina Wiatrek (Texas Blue Bonnet)
* Ken Knox (Youth Aviation Engagement Program)

**INTRODUCTION OF PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS:**

* Steve "Catfish" Thomas (Transfer from Post 159, Bryan) introduced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* **Financial (Jan 2025):**
  + Total Funds: $21,484.43 (Ending Jan 31)
  + Starting Bal (Jan 1): $18,357.05
  + Jan Credits: $7,148.70; Jan Debits: $3,897.00
* **Bingo:** Received and deposited $2,000 check. Hall location moved from Fredericksburg Rd to Bandera Rd (Golden Bingo Hall), sharing space, hoping for increased revenue.
* **Membership & Renewals:** Transfer application for Steve "Catfish" Thomas presented (pending processing).
* **House (Building & Maintenance):**
  + Digital Sign: Frame leveled, posts need installation. Pending weather.
  + Barn Door: Completed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued):**

* **House (Building & Maintenance):**
  + Security Cameras: Approved purchase of new wireless system (4 inside, 4 outside suggested, 360-view type discussed) as old system is non-op.
  + Storage Area Cover: Still pending.
  + Plumbing: Plumber visit delayed due to frozen pipe issues.
  + Bathroom Signs: Need electrical installation.
  + HVAC: Tech needs to reschedule noisy unit inspection (needs help accessing ceiling). Freon compatibility issues noted.
  + PO Box: Box 434 obtained; street address option available.
  + Service Flags: Order pending; frames to be made.
  + Door Replacement: Still needed.
  + Priority list needed for maintenance items.
* **Gaming:** Game night attempt rescheduled for 2nd Sunday in March (missed Feb due to Super Bowl).
* **Website/Facebook:** Google Workspace approval pending. Scam text regarding Facebook page received - advised members not to click.
* **Vendors Market:** Feb 8th market was slow due to competing events. Taking break over summer. Youth group "Building Fantastic Futures" inquired about hosting youth market in July (post gets %). Booth prices ($35-$55) reviewed.
* **Little League:** Still investigating sponsorship options.
* **ROTC:** Attended Military Ball Feb 15th. Hosting drill meet Mar 1st, Legion invited.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Facility Use Request: Approved request from Multi-Department Team (CPS, CASA, CAST) for free use of hall for monthly case reviews (1st Friday, 9-11 AM).
* Digital Sign Advertising: Idea discussed to sell ad space once sign is operational.
* Beautiful You Project Update: 22 dresses/suits given out. Recent donations (30+ items, $100 cash). Partnership with Pleasanton Woman's Club for clothing vouchers for veterans active. Coat drive idea for next year.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST:** (Covered in Member Updates & New Business)

* Prayers requested for Jim Ray Amaya and unnamed Iraq vet with PTSD seeking care.

**MOTIONS/MEMBERSHIP VOTING:**

* Motion by Member Carol, seconded (name unclear), passed to sponsor Kiera Biatric for Girls State ($475).

**MOTIONS/MEMBERSHIP VOTING (Continued):**

* Motion by Caroline George, seconded (name unclear), passed to donate $600 to Youth Aviation Engagement Program for patches.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* Next Meeting: March 19, 2025 (3rd Wed).
* ROTC Drill Meet: March 1, 2025 (at High School).
* Magic Show Rental: March 3, 2025.
* Gaming Night Scheduled: Second Sunday in March (9th), 1400 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 19:01 (7:01 PM) after memorial service.

Respectfully submitted,

Post 436 Adjutant