



WALTON F. HOFFMAN MEMORIAL POST 179
410 W. Coll Street
New Braunfels, TX 78130-5619

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 1830 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** MOTION to approve the December 7, 2023 and January 4, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes by Deb Powers; SECONDED by James Hollon. Motion PASSED.

4. Officer and Committee Report Summaries:

Commander – Gea Clausier:

- Introduced Chris Sitton, Hope Hospice, who discussed a Vietnam Veteran's Day event his organization is sponsoring on March 29, 2024 and invited Post 179 participation.
- Noted the ALR, TAL, SAL, and the Auxiliary would take turns leading a scheduled monthly Post cleanup to maintain the kitchen and hall.

Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:

- Reviewed upcoming events – see Announcements.
- Noted the Post's gaming revenue had decreased significantly, so he is working with the vendor to bring in some new machines to address this.
- Discussed an issue where hall rental patrons left unattended children in the parking lot. Police were contacted and the matter was brought to the attention of the party responsible for the rental to prevent recurrence of the issue.
- Discussed ideas and efforts related to fundraising, including discussions with local restaurants that support fundraisers.

Finance Officer – Rick Smith:

- Provided an overview of Post finances.
- Noted there was minor damage to a neighboring property's fence and patio roof when one of our trees fell during the recent storm.

Director of Boys State Program – Bill Morrison:

- Noted the New Braunfels and Garden Ridge Lions Clubs approved grants for four Boys State scholarships each. Moving forward the New Braunfels Lion Club will make their support of Boys State an annual scholarship so we will not need to apply for a grant every year.
- Noted although the Post still plans to select two primary and one alternate candidate from each school, State has offered to pay tuition for additional candidates.

Director of Scholarship Program – Kwame Tawiah:

- Discussed communications with school district contacts related to 2024 scholarship awards.

SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:

- Discussed activities SAL was planning, including potential fundraisers, supporting the national veterans' assistance program, and participating in a Post Open House to build community awareness of the Post, the American Legion, ALR, SAL, and Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Treasurer / Secretary – M. J. Repp:

- Discussed the upcoming Auxiliary Rummage Sale and noted \$25.00 table rentals were available to those who would like to sell their own items. See Announcements for more information.

5. Unfinished Business:

- Post Bar Enhancements - Lighting for the outdoor seating area and bar flooring is being priced / evaluated: Not discussed.
- Volunteers Needed for Various Events - Volunteers are needed for planned events, including Folkfest, the annual 5k, Golf Tournament, Wursthfest, and the Renaissance Faire: Not discussed.

6. New Business: None.

7. Announcements:

- Saturday, February 10, 2024 - ALR Fasching Run - kickoff at 9:00 a.m. and lunch begins at 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - Super Bowl Party in the Post bar.
- Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - Monthly Kitchen Cleanup. Contact James Hollon to volunteer.
- Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Auxiliary Rummage Sale; donations accepted at the Post bar area daily after 4:00 p.m.

8. Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 1925.

Submitted by:

Ed Taylor
Adjutant

Approved by:

Gea Clausier
Post Commander

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List of Attendees

Commander	Gea Clausier
Second Vice Commander /	James Hollon
Executive Committee Member	
Adjutant	Ed Taylor
Finance Officer	Rick Smith
Judge Advocate	Spike Valencia
Chaplain	Charlie Clopper
Sergeant At Arms	Deb Powers
Service Officer	Dale Bennett
Executive Committee Member /	
Director of Boys State Program	Bill Morrison
Executive Committee Member /	Kwame Tawiah
Director of Scholarship Committee	
SAL Commander	Eddy Seegers
Auxiliary Treasurer / Secretary	M. J. Repp
Guests	Chris Sutton (Home Hospice)