



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

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** 1831 by Commander Gea Clausier.
2. **Roll Call verified for Quorum.** List of attendees attached.
3. **Review/Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approval of the February Executive Committee Meeting Minutes deferred.
4. **Officer and Committee Report Summaries:**
 - Commander – Gea Clausier:
 - Noted the resignations of the Post Hubmaster and Historian.
 - Discussed National's \$5.00 increase in membership dues beginning July 1, 2024 and whether Post dues should be increased; members present requested continued discussion at the April Executive Committee Meeting.
 - Second Vice Commander – James Hollon:
 - Noted there was a Chaplain's Fund available.
 - Discussed emergency repairs needed for the Post's furnace will cost \$13,950.00 without tax.
 - Discussed desire to pressure wash the Post's metal and stone sign.
 - Noted the Eagle Scout project to paint the Post hall is scheduled to begin March 31, 2024.
 - Noted the bar was doing well.
 - Noted the Auxiliary was leading this month's Post kitchen and hall cleanup.
 - Finance Officer – Rick Smith:
 - Provided an overview of Post finances.
 - Noted he was working to update the signatories on the Post's Vanguard account.
 - SAL Commander – Eddy Seegers:
 - Submitted the attached SAL status report in his absence.
 - Auxiliary Treasurer / Secretary – M. J. Repp:
 - Discussed the upcoming Auxiliary Rummage Sale and requested help to begin carrying rummage sale items downstairs from the attic on March 21, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be pizza for the volunteers. 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, Wurstfest, and the Renaissance Faire: Not discussed.

6. New Business:

- MOTION by Dale Bennett to approve an expenditure of \$13,950.00 plus tax to repair the Post furnace; SECONDED by Ed Taylor. Motion PASSED.

7. Announcements:

- Friday, March 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m. - Funeral for Ronald Welfel, a Vietnam Veteran and founding member of the Austin Chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA), at Lux Funeral Home 1254 Business 35 N. New Braunfels, TX 78130.
- Thursday, March 21, 2024, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Volunteers needed to help bring items down from the attic to prepare for Auxiliary Rummage Sale; pizza will be provided for volunteers.
- Friday, March 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - Auxiliary Rummage Sale setup.
- 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.
- Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - Monthly Post Kitchen and Hall Cleanup; Auxiliary is leading this month's event.

8. Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Submitted by:

Deb Powers
Sergeant At Arms

Approved by:

Gea Clausier
Post Commander

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List of Attendees

Commander
Second Vice Commander /
Executive Committee Member
Adjutant
Finance Officer
Judge Advocate
Chaplain
Service Officer
Executive Committee Member /
Auxiliary Treasurer / Secretary

Gea Clausier
James Hollon
Ed Taylor
Rick Smith
Spike Valencia
Charlie Clopper
Dale Bennett
Kwame Tawiah
M. J. Repp



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Sons of The American Legion – Walton F. Hoffmann Memorial Squadron 179
News

March 7, 2024

I am not able to attend the Executive Board Meeting tonight. Here is a brief report on the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 179.

Due to a coming increase in the dues charged by the Detachment beginning the coming year and a likely increase by the national organization in the near future, the Squadron voted to increase our dues structure. Beginning for the 2025 membership year the Squadron dues will be as follows:

- S.A.L. Member only - \$30.00
- Dual Member (Legion and Sons) - \$25.00
- Youth Membership (17 years and younger) - \$20.00
- S.A.L. Member serving Active Duty Military - \$0.00 (paid by Squadron)

We voted on a Member of the Year for 2023 – The winner is Wayne Bauer.

We have some opportunities for participation and leading events here at the Post. However, our participation levels have dropped and it is getting difficult to even plan as we are not able to ensure enough that we will be successful in our efforts.

Our membership goal is 37 and currently sit at 35.

Presented by:

Eddy Seegers, Commander

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