



Post 552

## American Legion Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: \_\_6:00\_\_\_\_pm

Officers Present: (check if present)

Commander	Kent Vanhorn	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Mike Hill	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Bill Marsh	
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jim Vander Ploeg	Absent
Asst Adjutant	Travis Methvin	

Other members: Brian Compton, Donovan Morris, Gabe Rowin, and Dave Schmidt

Guests: Sydney Encinias

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting have been posted on our website and were displayed on the screen. They were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Finance reports were displayed. The Cobras baseball team was paid for in FY2024. No changes were made.

Membership: No new goals have been established and the 2024 membership remains as reported in June.

Sick Call: None.

Unfinished Business:

**Guest Speakers:** Bill Heard was absent, so this item is tabled until August.

**VFW-American Legion Facility Agreement:** Mike reported that he is still working to obtain enough votes for approval within the VFW.

**Next Fundraiser:** Travis made a motion to accept our next fundraiser as a wine tasting. Doug seconded it, and it passed. Bill Marsh made a motion to donate proceeds from the wine tasting to the Wounded Warrior Project. Doug seconded it. After discussion, it was voted on and passed. The fundraiser will be on October 12 from 2 to 5 pm. Bill Marsh presented a list of tasks to be completed and it is attached. He said Total Wine will provide wine at 30% off. We must have two bottles of each wine (one for tasting and one for auction).

**Scout Troop Sponsorship:** Travis and Jonathan Owens have worked together to identify a local Boy Scout troop that the Post can sponsor. Travis reported they have identified Troop 271 in University City as needing a sponsor. He will check this out further before the next meeting.

New Business:

**Budget Approval:** Kent presented the FY 2025 proposed budget for the Post. After discussion of the number of boys we sponsor for Boys State it was agreed to keep it at three. Doug requested we add \$100 on line 16 for brochures to advertise the American Legion. Line 17 should reflect \$38.50. Travis made a motion to approve the budget with amendments. Bill Bartle seconded it, and it passed.

**Future Investment Discussion:** Our investments will be maturing and we need to find new instruments to invest in. Kent appointed an investment research committee to review possibilities and report back at the August meeting. The committee consists of Kent, Mike and Mark. Others with inputs can provide those to the committee.

Good of the Order: None.

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:05 pm\_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed July 22, 2024

Adjutant