**Meeting Minutes**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**December 1, 2014**

**Opening**: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The list of attendees is attached.

**Finance**: Charlie Baker provided the finance report (attached). Pat Downing moved to accept the report subject to audit. Susan Junker provided the second to the motion. It carried unanimously.

**Minutes**: Adjutant read the minutes; stood as read without change.

**Membership**: Pat Downing reported that the post has 161 members and read the “Citation for Meritorious Achievement” from the Commander, 4th Division, American Legion, Roger Folmer. The Post achieved 100% membership for 2015 in October vice the goal of May 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Post Everlasting**: The ceremony went very well and the family provided a donation to the Post.

**Pancake/SOS Breakfast**: The estimated attendance was 89 with a resultant $427.00 received in donations. For discussion in future is whether this should be a quarterly event.

**Bandera Honors Veterans**: The ceremony and parade went well. ÷Recommendations for future changes will be discussed at the next BHV Committee meeting.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**: An estimated 93 persons attended. Feedback included the potential need to better estimate the food requirements, table placement, seating availability and timing.

**Christmas Party**: On schedule and Brian Black will provide the entertainment. The Veterans Service Officer identified that 10 veterans from the weekly coffee at “The Grille” attended.=

**Insurance Claim**: No change in status.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Events**: There will be no general membership meeting in December due to the Christmas Party. There will be no Bingo on December 24th or 31st. January 10th is the 21st District Oratorical Contest at the VA Auditorium. There are 7 contestants identified to date.

**Kerrville VA Medical Center**: Ken Guest asked about the potential for returning the Kerrville VA Center to a “hospital” status given the recently passed VA funding bill with $11B for new facilities and $8B for improved staffing. Research will be pursued through the Hill Country Veterans Council and the Texas Veterans Commission.

**Chaplain**: There is one veteran at Cedar Creek and 8 Veterans at the Bandera Rehabilitation facility. He continues to visit them on a weekly basis. The Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas Dinner from 1-4 p.m. on Christmas Day.

**ID Badges**: After discussion, it was determined that the Veterans Service Officer and the Chaplain could better serve with American Legion identification badges. Charlie Baker stated that he would order them as part of a mid-December order for hats.

**Mid-Winter Conference**: The conference will be held in Austin from Jan 14-18; Charlie Baker and Susan Junker are registered to attend.

**Adjournment**: Charlie Baker moved to adjourn the meeting and Pat Downing provided the second to the motion. Unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attachments:

1 – List of Attendees

2 – Finance Report

Raymond E. Baker, Sr. Susan L. Junker

Commander Adjutant

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