# DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER 34 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2022

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Commander (Cdr) Robert Monroe opened the Executive Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Rodney Young gave the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Vice Larry Griffin Cdr. Monroe read the Mission Statement that was posted on our Conference Room wall, stated our purpose for being here and declared the meeting open for business.

# **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

The following officers were present: Cdr. Robert Monroe, Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris, Junior Vice Commander Larry Griffin, Chaplain Rodney Young, Judge Advocate Ronald Christian, and Adjutant Veranica Jordan. Treasurer Terrell Lasker, Immediate Past Commander (Cdr) John Yakshe, and Member-At-Large (MAL) James Anderson were excused. The Executive Committee (EC) Meeting had a quorum of Chapter Officers present in order to conduct the meeting.

# MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING

A motion was entertained and moved by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris and seconded by Jr. Vice Cdr Larry Griffin to dispense with the reading of the Executive Meeting minutes for November 2, 2021. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved.

# TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer report is attached and will be discussed at the General Membership Meeting on January 12, 2022 by Treasurer Terrell Lasker.

# **CHAPLAIN**

Chaplain Rodney Young reported that MAL James Anderson is home after being in the hospital. We will send him a get well card. Comrade Gary Farmer's wife is in the hospital. We will kept her and all our comrades in prayer.

# COMMUNICATION

The correspondence will be read at the General Membership Meeting, January 11, 2022 by the Adjutant.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Reports were given by the chairperson or the respective committee representative for the following committees and these reports will also be given at the General Membership Meeting.

<u>Welfare and Relief:</u> Chaplain Rodney Young stated we had several applicants from veterans, but they did not qualify for assistance.

<u>CSO:</u> Adjutant Veranica Jordan stated that 9 cases were completed during the month of December 2021.

<u>LVAP</u>: Commander Monroe stated LVAP has been submitted by Comrade Patricia Grant and it is up to date.

<u>Building Committee</u>: Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris stated Brooks Realty agreed to pay for half the cost for putting in exit door. Sr. Vice Cdr. Morris also stated that Thrift Store money cannot be used to enhance a building we do not own. Sr. Vice Cdr Morris will check other means of financing this project.

<u>Bylaws:</u> Judge Advocate Ronald Christian recommended to the Executive Committee that Sr. Vice Cdr Charles Morris and Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin serve on the Bylaw Committee. It was moved by Chaplain Rodney Young and seconded by Jr. Vice Larry Griffin. There was no discussion and this motion was approved. Cdr Monroe stated his goal is to have the first reading in February 2022..

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Budget for 2021-2022 is attached to these minutes and will be presented to the body at the General Membership Meeting on January 15, 2022 by Treasurer Terrell Lasker.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was entertained to donate to the Tornado Disaster Relief. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris and seconded by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin that Chapter 34 donate \$5000 to support National in aiding the destroyed DAV Chapter and provide support to countless veterans in the devastated areas. The check will be sent to Chapter 6, Department Sr. Vice Cdr Francis Mitchell. Checks will be made payable to DAV National. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

Discussion was entertained to change operating hours. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Chaplain Rodney Young and seconded by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin that Chapter 34's Office be open for service to veterans a minimum of 5 days a week, 8 hours per day. There was a discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body with one oppose. Cdr Monroe received an e-mail from Department Adjutant Robert Cox that the National Inspector General has made it clear that Thrift Store funds would only be used to service veterans. When renting a building to serve veterans, chapters can use Thrift Store funds to pay for rent, utilities, etc., if the Chapter is providing service to veterans at least 40 hr. a week.

Discussion was entertained concerning aspecial DEC meeting. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin and seconded by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris that the Primary or Alternate DEC attend the special DEC meeting from January 21-23, 2022. The Alternate DEC will attend only if the Primary DEC is not able to attend. The meeting will be conducted at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood-Roanoke, 4468 Starkey Road, Roanoke, VA 24018. Travel, meals, and hotel will be covered by Chapter 34. There was discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

Discussion was entertained on Easter meal distribution. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Sr. Vice Charles Morris and seconded by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin that 50 Easter Ham Dinners be distributed to needy widow's of veterans and veterans before April 15, 2022. There was no discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

Discussion was entertained on delegates for the 2022 Spring Conference. A motion was recommended to the body that was moved by Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin and seconded by Sr. Vice Cdr. Charles Morris that the following members attend the 2022 Spring Conference in Virginia Beach, VA, March 10-13 2022: Primary DEC Robert Monroe, Alternate DEC Charles Morris, Jr. Vice Cdr Larry Griffin, Chaplain Rodney Young, Adjutant Veranica Jordan, and Judge Advocate Ronald Christian. Four spaces are open for other members in good standing from the General Membership. There was discussion and this motion was unanimously approved to carry to the body.

The Chapter Audit is scheduled to be conducted during the month of January 2022. Cdr. Robert Monroe appointed Comrade Curtis Lassiter as chairperson of the Audit Committee. Comrade Lassiter will appoint his committee's members.

# **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jr. Vice Cdr. Larry Griffin has tickets for VFW Post 4639 raffle for \$10. This is to help with the cost to remodel the Post kitchen. See Jr. Vice Cdr. Griffin after the meeting if you would like more information or would like to purchase a ticket.

# **CLOSING CEREMONY**

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting. Cdr. Robert Monroe gave a tribute to the fallen veterans. Chaplain Rodney Young closed the meeting with a prayer and Cdr. Robert Monroe adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 3:41 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be February 1, 2022 at 1600 hours.

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Adjutant

Date 11 January 2022

Robert Monroe Commander