

Meeting Date: 2016.06.14 (June)

The 6-14-2016 meeting of American Legion Brown-Guest Post 30 was at **Road House Diner** at 6pm in Paris, TX.

There were five members present. Also present was Andy Lowen, 1st Dist Commander, and 2 guests.

Prayer was lead by Chaplain Seibel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented and the Preamble was recited and minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The financial report was read by Stephanie Griffin, Financial Officer and Keith Brown, Judge Advocate, moved the report be accepted and then member John Watts 2nded it.

Keith Brown gave a \$60.00 donation.

John Watts gave information about the **Flag Roll of Honor** and brought the sales receipt. He also brought information about pavers at the **RR Veterans Memorial**.

Commander Karesek said he attended the **RRV Board** meeting and spoke to them about the American Legion and how we are all here to serve Veterans and the Community.

1st Dist Commander Lowen said that we could go to the **American Legion Lodge** Website and there are different services available.

Commander Karasek said that we could get something set up for the website. He said the **DAV (Disabled American Veterans)** meetings are the 2nd Sat of every month at the fire station in Reno.

Commander Karasek said we should get new members.

Nominations were presented for John Watts to be Vice Commander and Adjutant. Keith Brown made motion to nominate John Watts and Chaplain Seibel seconded it.

Current and proposed officer voted Acclamation by Motion by Commander Karasek and Chaplain Seibel seconded the motion. 1st Dist Commander Andy Lowen spoke about duties to Commander Karesek and welcomed him.

1st Dist Commander Lowen spoke about fund raisers with an idea of flags. Commander Karesek mentioned the idea was already in place by the **Kiwanas Club** and **Boy Scouts**. 1st Dist/ Commander Lowen talked about the coffee tour Aug 27 and he said that the **Road House** would be a good place to meet. He also said we should wait with new membership until after July 1. He suggested Commander Karasek join the Marine Corps League.

Chaplain Seibel spoke of the school program on Americanism and it should be established by a series of talks to students. We have three high schools in this area: **Paris High, North Lamar** and **Chisum**. Any mileage would be a tax write off and we should keep our American Legion hats in our cars.

1st Dist Commander Lowen said we have a **DAV** post here and donations to **DAV** and **American**

Legion should be made to our local chapters. 501(c)3 has to donate every year for IRS purposes. CPR is a "*Consolidated Post Report*" for IRS purposes. CPR donations could be made to the **Veteran's Memorial**. We only have to do one donation to support community.

1st Dist Commander Lowen said every one pays their own way on the coffee tour and they would like to see officers there. He said they will turn in memberships during the coffee tour.

Commander Karasek made a base and gavel and gave it to 1st Dist. Commander Lowen.

The meeting closed with a prayer from Chaplain Seibel and dinner was served.

DAV: <https://www.dav.org/>