



KINGSWAY LEGION 175  
LADIES AUXILIARY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 23, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by President Kim Earles, by Ritual (Treaty Land Acknowledgement, O Canada and Prayer).

The Sgt. At arms reported there were 23 members present.

**Roll Call;** Kim Earles, Blondie Charlet, Mary Good, Phyllis Moldowan, Charlotte Bueckert, Sharon Clemens, Marilen Pytel, Alice Graham, Eldean Baskerville, Janice Langston, were present.

Excused: Reba Baskerville, Zelda Doell and Estelle Comeau

**INITIATION AND GUESTS:** There were 10 new members initiated.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING:** For Nov.21, 2023, were reviewed. There were two errors noted.

1. Page 3 Lorraine's name spelled wrong.
2. Page 5 double date for next executive meeting.

Motion to accept minutes with changes was made by Janice Langston, seconded by Jackie Hyshka, and carried.

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING:** For January 16, 2024 were reviewed, no errors or omissions were found.

Motion to accept minutes made by Blondie Charlet, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Thank you letter from Capital Care Kipnes Centre for cheque donations of \$1,800.00, \$360.00 and \$1,000.00, and the 120 Christmas gift bags donated and the help putting them together.
2. Letter from Fort Sask. Inviting Executive members to their installations on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm.
3. Invitation to attend Jasper Place Installations, Kim Earles attended.
4. Thank you letter from a Kipnes residents' daughter thanking our Ladies Auxiliary for the Christmas gift.

Phyllis Moldowan so moved her report, seconded by Alice Graham, and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sharon Clemens report there is \$11,022.72 in general account and \$11,447.18 in meat draw account.

**Motion:** Alice Graham moved that we get Karl Kuss to complete the annual financial review, seconded by Jackie Hyshka and carried.

Sharon Clemens so moved her report, seconded by Blondie Charlet, and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Charlotte Bueckert reported there are 47 members in good standing. There are 6 members that haven't paid for 2024. Charlotte phoned them and left messages, some are out of the country and a few phone numbers are out of service.

Let's welcome all our new members!

Charlotte Bueckert so moved her report, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

**MEAT DRAW:** Mary Good reported that the meat draws continue to do very well. Thank you ladies that volunteer to help make the meat draws successful!

Mary advised everyone that she has the volunteer sign up sheets with her for those who are interested in helping with the meat draw.

The Easter turkey and ham draw will be held on March 23, 2024.

Mary Good so moved her report, seconded by Eldean Baskerville, and carried.

**BINGO:** The next button bingo will be held on Saturday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Chris Payea suggested we look at renaming the bingos seeing we don't use buttons. It was decided we would look at this at the February General Meeting.

The Kensington Bingo dates are Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and February 23 for anyone who is interested in volunteering.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** As Blondie Charlet just took the Ways and Means Chairperson position Kim Earles gave the update.

1. Kim Earles reported that we raised the following at our Christmas raffle, bake sale and craft sale.
  - a. Craft - \$102.50
  - b. Bake - \$398.85
  - c. Raffle - \$1907.00
2. The Easter raffle, bake sale, craft sale and meat draw will be held on March 23, 2024. Tickets will be made up asap.
  - Raffle prize;
  - a. Food Hamper
  - b. Wooden "B" Train Truck
  - c. Painting
  - d. Crochet Blanket and Crystal Glasses

Kim Earles so moved her report, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

**VETERANS CENTRE:** Marilen Pytel reported that she has not received a report from Bev as she is a very busy lady.

Marilen thanked everyone who helped with putting together and picking up presents for the Christmas bags. Marilen advised that out of the \$900.00 budget only \$508.79 was spent on the gift bag items.

Marilen Pytel so moved her report, seconded by Eldean Baskerville, and carried.

**Discussion:** Kim Earles advised that she did receive an e-mail from Bev with a thank you and picture of all volunteers putting together the Christmas gift bags at the Kipnes Centre.

**SICK AND VISITING:** Sharon Clemens report in summary. Sharon advised a few ladies were not doing well, Eldean, Vickie and Loree so she called the ladies and was able to speak with Eldean and Vickie, Loree did not answer.

Sharon advised she was unable to visit Vickie in the hospital as she did not want visitors at that time, she is now welcoming anyone that wants to come "please do" in the Royal Alex. Sharon spoke with Mac (Vickie's husband) on Monday, he advised her that Vickie may be coming home by the weekend.

Sharon said that Kim Earles advised her that Chris Payea was not doing well and was undergoing some medical treatment and was not doing too badly. She called Chris and left a message. Chris was well enough to attend our meeting and was presented with a card signed by all members and flowers.

Sharon so moved her report, seconded by Janice Langston, and carried.

**Discussion:** Kim Earles advised everyone of Violet (Vi) Santo's passing. She and her husband Ron were both big supporters of the LA meat draws. Ron passed away earlier this summer. Our sincere condolences to the family.

**PHONING:** No report as Zelda is not feeling well at this time and was excused.

**COMMUNICATION:** Reba Baskerville was excused; Kim Earles stated she will put in the information to the Legion Branch for the up-coming monthly newsletter on the Easter raffle, craft, bake sale and meat draw.

**CHAPLAIN:** No report.

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:** A committee has been formed, members are Kim Earles, Phyllis Moldowan, Janice Langston, and Charlotte Bueckert. A meeting date will be determined.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Happy New Year Ladies!

Since our November meeting we held joint installations and our annual Christmas raffle, bake & craft sale and ham & turkey draw and packed up 120 Christmas gift bags for the Kipnes residents. Although we do not hold LA meetings in December it was busy for many of us. Thank you to all for making our raffle day a huge success!

Unfortunately, Chris Payea has had to resign from her position as Ways and Means Chairperson prior to installations. This position will need to be filled immediately with planning for the Easter raffle upon us.

I am truly thankful for the number of new ladies to initiate. I hope you feel welcomed and included in our endeavours. No pressure, volunteer when and if you can. It is OK to say no....I will learn that some day!!! Saturdays our LA holds a meat raffle and 50/50. A number of ladies come to visit so come get to know our ladies.

Since the November meeting I have completed the December and January LA submission for the Legion. I completed and mailed out our LA newsletter. At the November Legion General Meeting I presented a report then had Mary Good and Blondie Charlet assist in presenting cheques to the branch and the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund. I participated in the Christmas raffle and meat draw as well as the Kipnes Christmas project. Completed a thank you letter to "the bag lady" Susan Ziegler and to Save-on-Foods for the 8 boxes of mandarin oranges. I have also tallied our LA volunteer hours from May 18-Dec 30<sup>th</sup> for a total of 945 hours and 13 mins.

We do great things working together!

Kim Earles so moved her report, seconded by Jackie Hyshka, and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. \$1,000.00 gas card raffle tickets are still available, ask front desk if you are interested in purchasing. The draw date has been extended to March 30, 2024.
2. There was a misunderstanding for donating to the Veterans Food Bank. Kim Earles will speak with Scott Sadler NW command to get verification.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jackie Hyshka informed the Gibbons Legion Darts are going to the National Legion Dart Tournament in Quebec.
2. The location of convention has been changed from Strathmore to Forest Lawn in Calgary, June 7-9<sup>th</sup>. The 2 districts that are hosting raised \$18,000.00.
3. Command President, Rosalind LaRose, was taken to the hospital on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> for emergency surgery. Her family advised that the surgery went well and if you wish to send get well wishes please send them through Provincial Command "please do not try and contact Rosalind on her phone".
4. Alice Graham advised that she will be stepping down next year from her duties of Chaplain as its getting harder for her. Alice said that who ever takes over she will be willing to help them through the learning process.
5. Kim Earles advised all new members that the Legion is always looking for new volunteers, if anyone is interested please put your name on the form and she will forward to the Legion Volunteer Coordinator.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Attendo:	Chris Payea - \$10.00 Next \$5.00
Door Prizes:	Phyllis Moldowan, Charlotte Bueckert, Janice Langston
50/50:	Kim Earles – \$33.00

**DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** February 20, 2024 at 12:30 pm

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING:** February 13, 2024 at 12:30 pm

Motion for adjournment at 2:00 pm was made by Jan Langston, seconded by Jackie Hyshka.

Meeting was closed by ritual - God Save the King.

Kim Earles  
LA President  
Kingsway Branch 175

Phyllis Moldowan  
LA Secretary  
Kingsway Branch 175