

American Legion Auxiliary – Unit 1776  
March 18, 2025  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 7p by President
2. Opening Prayer give by Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – All
4. Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary – All
5. Roll Call of Officers - 1<sup>st</sup> VP absent
6. Special Presentation by organization “Flags for Fort Snelling” asking for donation to replace damaged flags. (See new Business)
7. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting – no addition or correction noted
8. Treasurers’ Report – No addition or correction made – filed for audit.
9. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report – No Report
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Cheryl updates group on success of 3/17 horse racing and meat raffle. Full report next meeting. Video equipment needs updated software which 3 Diamonds will do. Maryalyce will notify 3 Diamonds. Cheryl reminded group of April Garage Sale which is 4/12 – 9a – 3p. Need volunteers needed. Let Cheryl know if you can help out.
11. Committee Reports

Membership – Jan Lauby – current paid member at 224. Discussion of need to raise dues from \$30.00 senior to \$37.00 per year. After discussion, motion made by Janet Thompson, second by Cheryl Hammer to increase our annual dues to \$37.00 per year. This is for year 2026, starting in June 2025. Vote passed by voice vote.

VAR/Hastings Home – Janet Thompson – Can openers to be purchased. Sweats will be replaced by underwear.

VA hospital campus – People are retiring so staff is slim. Elaine still awaiting interview by VA staff. She is accompanying Janet. Hope to have interview soon. Food Pantry made up and gave out 200 boxes to families. Janet spending many hours at VA helping.

Media – Megan Colbert – Ad for Meat Raffle and Horse racing was in Weekly Current Newspaper. Had large crowd for event. Will continue to use this form of media along with FB and Post Website.

Future Fundraising and Events. - Mary Lyman and Megan Colbert – Reminder of Indoor Garage Sale on 4/12. Have 17 open tables, looking for sellers. Team will run ads.

Newsletter - next issues May/June.

12. Old Business – We have one applicant for our 1000.00 scholarship. Currently no Girls' State applicants. April 1 is deadline for reservation. Janet knows of a girl interested.

13. New Business: Flags for Fort Snelling. Donation was \$1000.00 after much discussion about amount to be given, motion made for donation of \$1000.00 by Mary Lyman, Second by Joan Guse. Motion carried by voice vote.

Bernice Spindler announce the Von Hanson's Memorial Day Dog and Brat Stand need volunteers for May 24, 25, and 26 , 9a to 5p. This is an event 40 & 8 usually do. We will try to provide coverage for those days and shifts.

National Commander, James LaCoursiere will be at the Apple Valley post on 3/25 for a special breakfast. He will be discussing and raising awareness of the "Be the One" program. Breakfast is at 8:15 AM and will cost \$15.00 per person.

14. Next meeting is April 15, 2025 at 7p with exec board at 6p.

15. Attendees – Bernice Spindler, 10 in attendance.

16. Closing Prayer – Chaplain Janet Thompson

17. Adjournment at 8:15p