

Offutt Officers' Spouses' Club
Board Meeting
February 7, 2025

Charitable Meeting Call to Order and Attendance:

Board Members Present: Teresa R., Aly T., Jessica M., Jess C., Catina N., Shannon H., Sarah T., Tom B., Jessica G., Amber D., Nikki H., Danielle M., Haley O., Deanna W., Amanda S., Christine S., Jenny S., Terri C.

Board Members Excused Absence: Jackie K., Danielle S., Alicia V., Elizabeth Z.

Call to Order: 6.17pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Motion by Jessica C; Second by Jessica M.

13 Aye, 0 Nah, 0 Abstain. Motion Carries.

Charitable Officer Board Reports

President (Teresa R.)

A. Nothing to Report

Charitable Treasurer (Deanna W.)

A. Nothing to Report

Charitable Vice President (Jessica C.)

A. Tier 2 donations for Grandpa's Pocket, PLC JROTC, and American Legion Auxiliary totaling \$2500

- i. Motion to approve \$1,000
- ii. Motion Moved by Jessica C and second by Haley O.
- iii. All approved as is.
- iv. 13 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain. Motion Carries

B. Additional \$150 (for total of \$950) to Offutt Advisory Council for their Wild Blue Yonder auction (gets us 2 more seats for the auction, a total of 8 board Members can go).

- i. Motion to approve \$150 more for a total of \$950
- ii. Motion moved by Deanna W second by Nikki H
- iii. All approved as is.
- iv. 12 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain. Motion Carries

C. We have received multiple thank you notes that will be pinned to the board at the Thrift Shop for anyone who would like to check those out.

Charitable Board

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Thrift Shop (Danielle S.)

A. No Report Submitted

Scholarships (Terri C. & Aly T.)

- A. I would like to discuss with the board their views on the awarding of scholarship. Emphasis and number of scholarships**
- B. Applicants within a 40 mile radius of Offutt will be considered for scholarships**
- C. 3 types of scores**
 - a. 25 points goes to GPA**
 - b. 40 points goes to activities and volunteering**
 - c. 35 points goes to the essay**
- D. How many scholarships do we want to give and at what amount do we want to give,**
 - a. Do we want most of them to go to seniors?**
 - b. Second and third year in college?**
 - c. More emphasis on spouses?**
 - d. Repeat appliers?**
 - e. Active members of either the OOSC Board or OESC Board?**
 - f. Do we want to do one in honor of the volunteer of the year?**
 - g. A thrift shop manager scholarship?**
 - h. A trade scholarship?**
- E. We can pick 4 different categories to honor our Thrift shop volunteers, top supporters, leadership, Etc.**
- F. In the past we have capped the scholarship amounts for non-seniors and those who already had received a scholarship in years prior.**
- G. Do we want to do less scholarships for more money or more scholarships for smaller amounts?**

Wreaths Across America (Sarah T. & Terri C.)

- A. 1. OOSC Sponsorship Group:**
 - a. On January 22nd WAA shared that they are dropping the 3-for-2 sponsorship group plan and will be replaced with the new "\$5 Forward Plan." Starting on February 1**
 - b. \$5 for every paid \$17 wreath sponsorship will automatically be applied forward to the sponsorship of an additional veteran's wreath.**
 - c. We are not accruing the money it is going to stay within WAA**
- B. They did not support this change by sending out a calculator or formula to understand how this will impact our numbers – rough calculation they are getting \$2 more per wreath. For us this is an increase of 31 wreaths \$527 annually.**
- C. Variability:**
 - a. No longer will have the 2 for 5 deal during the wreath matching campaign**
 - b. The larger donations will no longer have the multiplier so we will get a few less wreaths**

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- D. Scheduling FB posts will now have to remove the statement regarding the 3 for 2 sponsorship program.
- E. We already have a little over 500 wreaths going into 2025. Won't have exact number until end of April
- F. 2. Location Coordinator:
 - a. WAA Ceremony Location – discussed with Christine. Outside is the best spot for the ceremony, if weather permits. Idea to hold the room at the Weather Wing Building Auditorium now? And give them 24 hour notice prior to the event.
- G. Wreath Retirement Clean Update-
 - a. Saturday February 22nd at 10AM
 - b. Concerned as some wreaths are starting to brown but this is the earliest the recycling volunteers can take the wreaths.
 - c. Reaching out to the boy scouts to be able to help with breakdown and the PLV JROTC
- H. Originally, the recycling volunteers said they could not take this on this year. Fortunately, Morgan was able to find a different host and they are doing more of a break down party with a group vs. her individually working on the wreaths. Unsure how long we will have their support. I've explored alternatives and the only option is dumpster if we could not support a break down.
- I. Curious – what have you seen other bases or cemeteries do to honor veterans that is not Wreaths Across America? If any changes were to be made they would need to be planned a year out as we already have over 500 wreaths bought for this location for 2025. Not saying we should stop but we should have a discussion and exploration of other ideas.

Auction (Danielle M.)

- A. **We made \$21,207 from the auction! \$18, 862 was from baskets and live items. \$230 was games, an additional \$2k is from an EXTRA tour by Coach.**
- B. **We had 11 people buy online tickets-\$110, 134 in person - \$2,680 Leaving us \$880 from ticket sales after food is paid for.**
- C. **The feedback from the survey: It varies from people wanting more table space and wanting more golf packages, to they had a great time.**
 - a. **Ones that stood out**
 - i. **not everyone could hear live items from the other side of the room**
 - ii. **have a website help table for people struggling.**
- D. **Overall a huge success!**
- E. **Possibly use FFS Boat house or CHI as future locations. If you see any possible other options, please offer the suggestions (need to be able to serve alcohol)**

Community Outreach (Catina N.)

- A. **Nothing to Report**

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- B. January Attic cleaning had 2 people show up other than board members so probably wont do another one due to lack of involvement
- C. Reaching out to Casa or the Humane society this month.

Charitable Unfinished Business:

Advisor Comments:

Announcements: Next Board Meeting **March 4th, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

Adjournment: 7:10pm

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Social Meeting Call to Order and Attendance

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Call to Order: 7:15pm

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Social Officer Board Reports

President (Teresa R.)

- A. Nothing to report.

Social Vice President (Jessica M.)

- A. Nothing to Report

Social Treasurer (Haley O.)

A. Nothing to Report

- B. SDI ticket sales have been awesome

- C. Couple of expenses and donations for SDI

- D. \$21,660.00 total currently

- E. All the members on our excel spreadsheet are members with exception of a few those who have not paid need to be removed from the spreadsheet, FB Page, and email lists

Secretary (Amber D.)

- A. Next board report due date is Saturday, March 1st, 2025.

- B. Thank you to everyone for getting your Board Reports in before 3pm on Monday!!!!
YOU ROCK!!!!!!

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Parliamentarian (Vacant)

- A. No report submitted.

Social Standing Committee Reports

Programs (Alicia V.)

- A. Nothing to report
- B. Will be updating about the March social which will be March 18.

Membership (Elizabeth Z.)

- A. Nothing to Report

Special Activities (Amanda S.)

- A. Nothing to Report

Marketing Chair (Jackie K.)

- A. When do we want to start putting out info for next year's board positions that are available? Let me know which positions need to be filled and I can do a few posts on them etc.
 - a. February 1st to March 31st we accept nominations for the executive board
 - i. The nominations usually go to the parliamentarian but this time they will go to the President.
 - ii. They will be voted on at April social.
 - iii. In May the new Board Members will be sworn in
- B. Does anyone have photos from the December event, Wreaths or the Auction? Please send to me so I can post them on the website/FB.

Hospitality Director (Nikki H.)

- A. Nothing to report.

Ways and Means (Tom B.)

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- A. Nothing to Report.
- B. We should start pushing out the position for Flocking
- C. Working on submitting the Fundraising Request

Social Unfinished Business:

Advisor's Comments: The nominations should go to the President because they are in PDF format

Social Announcements: Next Board Meeting **March 4th, 2025 at 6:00pm**

Adjournment: 7:29pm