

John M. West, American Legion Post 408 Foundation INC. Minutes

March 27, 2023

Attendance: Pat Kitterman, Rhonda Hundley, Bryan LaCount, Mike Saindon, Anna Simpson, Steve Tackett, Randy White.

Absent: Karen Chaput and Terry Gowen.

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were approved with the following corrections on attendance: add Anna Simpson and remove double entry of Mike Saindon. Mike Saindon made the motion to approve, and Bryan LaCount seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Report was read by Rhonda Hundley. There were no changes or questions. Motion was made by Steve Tackett to approve, and Mike Saindon seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

K-9 Officers Vests

Mike Saindon contacted Derby and Haysville. Haysville's K-9 has a vest. If there are enough funds available after the purchase of Derby's K-9 vest, cooling vests could be purchased for about \$400 each. These keep the dogs cooled during training exercises. Additionally, blades could be purchased to help stop knife penetration. Mindy King is working on outfitting a K-9 in Colorado, and their vest cost about \$1,200 plus \$300 for blades.

A meeting will be scheduled with Chief Lee of Derby to determine the process going forward.

Jax is three weeks into his training with seven more to go. He is fully grown but will fill out more.

We will request the Foundation's name to be added to the belly of the vest.

Haysville is currently happy with one dog for now, but Derby could potentially request a second dog if Jax works out. If additional funds are received, they will be earmarked for an additional vest.

Currently, Narcan is not provided for the K-9s. This is another option for additional funds raised as well as food, shots, etc.

Motorcycle Cops

Motorcycles officers will be returning to Derby. This is an additional option for fundraising.

Passageways

Pat met with Susan Moellinger of Passageways. She gave us a list of donors and information on a free app call Give Butter to assist in tracking donations and for online auctions. Pat Kitterman will check out the app to see if any other legions are participating and to see if any fees are involved with collecting donations.

Computers and Programs

Steve Tackett would like to get six laptops for free for the post. Staples was suggested since it was thought to be veteran-owned.

QuickBooks would also be very helpful. Pat Kitterman will check to see if we can get any copies free through the Foundation.

Grants

Pat Kitterman is working on a Spirit grant for \$3,600 for two Boys State, two Girls State, and 2 Cadet Law attendees. This will cover both Derby and Haysville.

Car Wash Raffle Proceeds

Following a short discussion, Mike Saindon made a motion to set up an endowment fund with the \$680 from the raffle for operating capital. Bryan LaCount seconded, and the motion passed.

Endowment Funds

It is possible for us to set up endowment funds on the website.

General Fund

There will be a general fund for non-earmarked donations.

Operation Holiday Poker Run

Mike Saindon reported the ALR has been involved and supported the Operation Holiday poker run for the past several years. This year, our post is running it. Operation Holiday wants to use the Foundation's ID number to give to businesses they are soliciting for donations. We do not want to share our number. If, however, our post members are soliciting donations on behalf of Operation Holiday, they will be given our number with the understanding it is not to be shared with anyone. Everyone present agreed.

If our post members are doing all the work and the post is providing everything, we should make some money.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Submitted by,

Rhonda Hundley, Treasurer