

John M West foundation meeting 1/26/26

Meeting called to order 7:07 PM by Michael Saindon.

Attendees: Mike Saindon , Coni Honn, Rhonda Hundley, Barbara King, Terry Gowen, Brian Simpson, Steve Tackett, Lesley Eliassen. Unable to attend: Anna Simpson / excused.

New Business :

Introduction of new person to committee for The ALA , Lesley Eliassen (3yr)

All other members have served on committee in prior year some with a different entity.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as distributed.

Barb second and motion carried.

Rhonda provided financial report. Steve made a motion to accept the report and Barb second. Motion carried.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PATRICIA KITTERMAN

Election of new officers :

Chairperson : Barb King nominated Mike Saindon , Mike accepted nomination

Lesley Eliassen nominated Steve Tackett , Steve accepted nomination

Vote was split 4/4. Discussion was had and Mike withdrew his

Acceptance. Steve Tackett is the new chairperson for the 2026 year.

Vice Chair: Terry Gowen was nominated, he declined and then nominated Coni Honn.

Coni accepted and was voted in.

Finance: Rhonda Hundley was nominated by everyone to carry on as finance.

Secretary: Coni Honn nominated Lesley Eliassen, Lesley accepted nomination and was  
Voted in.

Old business:

Discussion on 2026 steak feed.

Ray from House of Schwan wanted to get a date from the foundation. The date chosen is Aug 15th with a back up date of Aug 22nd.

Menu: same as last year. 2 t-bones or 1 sirloin , baked potato , baked beans (Connie Gowen).

Discussion on where to ask for boundary lines for alcohol to be permitted. On table set up and trying to get it to be an all day event. Idea: car show, corn hole, bouncy house, and possibly first responder equipment.

Motion by Lesley to give 2 meal tickets to the member selling the most presale tickets to the event. 2nd by Coni Honn. Discussion had and motion passed.

FOUNDATION REALLY WANTS THIS TO BE A POST EVENT. The funds raised at this event goes into the Pat Kitterman scholarship fund.

Scholarship report: Barb and Coni are firming up requirements for applicants. Things will not be in place to give out funds at the end of this school year. Should be in place for next year.

Decision made that the scholarships will be given to 2 selected candidates.

Candidates eligible will be Junior or Senior students from Derby and Haysville.

New Business

April 25, 2026 is National American Legion Family Day. A committee is being put together to plan an event at Post 408.

American Legion National is providing a paper American Flag to be done with the pledge in brail to all middle and high schools in the state. Coni mentioned purchasing a wooden one

for the high schools in both Derby and Haysville. She will try and bring a sample one and the cost to the next foundation meeting.

A committee is being assembled to bring bingo to our post. The foundation will not have to be involved in those operations.

Mike reminded everyone that meeting dates were changing for every group in the post. The Foundation will start meetings at 6:30 with the next one to be held on Feb10th.

Steve entertained a motion and it was made by Mike and 2nd by Barb to Adjourn at 7:54. Motion carried.

Minutes provided by Lesley Eliassen with the best of her abilities to be accurate.