

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2024

ATTENDEES: Tracy Barton, Shonda Palmer, Kimberley Johnson, Rhonda Hundley, Karon Watson, Lori Ohmes, Wanda Dailey, Tammy Halloran, Kristin Frandsen, Sharon Huddleston, and Connie Bise

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place.
- Opening prayer by Sharon Huddleston followed by a moment of silence.
- Pledge of the Allegiance led by Tracy Barton.
- Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by Tracy Barton.
- President Tracy Barton declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:07 PM.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome everyone! Thank you for being here!

STANDING ITEMS:

MINUTES: No additions or corrections to be made at this time. Lori Ohmes made motion to accept the minutes, from October 2024, as shared to the membership. Kim Johnson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The finance report was read and shared by Rhonda Hundley. Lori Ohmes made a motion to accept the report as read and shared by Rhonda Hundley. Shonda Palmer second the motion.

BILLS: Kimberley Johnson paid membership dues \$364.00

Tammy Halloran paid for supplies for historian book \$40.35

Tracy Barton paid for cancer bag items (blankets, chapstick, etc) \$65.84.

Post cleaning services \$210.00

Shonda Palmer made a motion to reimburse and pay bills. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Anna Simpson was hospitalized for a Strep Infection in her left hand. She is out of the hospital and on the mend. We also have MANY members out sick at this time. We pray you all get to feeling better soon!

COMMITTEE REPORT: We still have 13 committees with no Chair: AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, COMMUNITY SERVICE, CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS, EDUCATION, FINANCE, ALA GIRL'S STATE/ALA GIRL'S NATIONAL, JUNIOR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, LEGISLATIVE, MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY. If you would like information and descriptions of any of these

committees please reach out to Tracy Barton. We did get another committee filled, the AUDIT COMMITTEE. Members are Karon Watson, Lori Ohmes, and Wanda Dailey. Thank you so much to all of our committee members!!!!

Next month at our December 9th monthly meeting we will be voting on the following positions to represent the Auxiliary.

BOG 3 YEAR BOG 1 YEAR FOUNDATION 3 YEAR

Shonda Palmer nominates Lesley Eliassen for the 1 year BOG position.

Pat Kitterman is also a nominee for 1 year BOG position.

Tracy Barton nominates Lori Ohmes for 3 year BOG position.

Kimberley Johnson is also a nominee for 3 year BOG position.

These positions are to be filled by someone that will go to the BOG (Board of Goveners) meetings once a month on a Tuesday (next one Nov 26) to discuss all operations pertaining to the POST. The BOG is responsible for running the entire building including but not limited to paying all bills, all building expenses (roof, security systems, lights etc) they also run the Canteen (order food and beverages and supplies). These expenses are very high so when any entity holds events there is a 10% cut that goes to the BOG, that is how we help support our American Legion Post 408. These meetings are very informative and as an ALA BOG Representative you will report and update the ALA members on the happenings around the Post. Please contact Tracy Barton if you would like to be a nominee for ANY position you may be interested in filling.

In November the BOG made a decision that they would no longer be responsible for providing a start up change bag for events at the post. Each entity is now responsible for providing their own change bag for start up. Kimberley Johnson entertained a motion for \$150.00 cash be set aside for ALA events. Wanda made the motion we set aside the \$150.00 cash for start up. Kimberley Johnson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tracy Barton nominates Rhonda Hundley for the Foundation 3 year position.

Dale from MJB has taken Mike Saindon's place on the BOG and Joe Dinino is the Chairman of the BOG. Please let these members know how appreciative you are of them!!

WE WILL BE VOTING AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2024!!!

Calendar Events: Kimberley Johnson will be making an ALA monthly calendar. All other entities are responsible for providing their own calendars. These calendars will be sent to Tracy Barton for her to make a website calendar for the month. if you have anything you need on a calendar please reach out to Kim or Tracy and they can get it added.

FUNDRAISERS: Our Leaf Blower Bundle Raffle ended October 31, 2024. Tracy apologizes for the mix up on the tickets for this raffle. The winner of the Leaf Blower Bundle is Chris VanOrdan. Congratulations Chris!!!

We are working with the SAL to commit a date for an 80's Night with a DJ. Hopefully sometime in January or the first part of February. Kristin Frandsen had the idea for a chili cook off between entities and Lori Ohmes brought up a Bierocks dinner. Valentine's Dinner would be on a regular dinner night (Thursday) is being discussed with Laurie Hickie. Maybe steak/chicken salad, or an Italian dinner....we are trying to come up with other dinner ideas as well. We will need volunteers for ALL of these events!!!!!!

HISTORIAN REPORT: Tammy Halloran has been working on an AMAZING HISTORY BOOK for our Post!! You should really check it out!! Tammy also voiced her appreciation for everyone that gives their time and effort volunteering at all Post events!! Thank You Tammy for all that you do we appreciate YOU!!

MEMBERSHIP: There are two people wanting to transfer to our post from their current post. Kimberley Johnson entertained a motion for our membership to accept their transfers. Kathryn Prue (current post (136) and Candice Wright (current post 4). Tammy Halloran made a motion the accept these transfers. Sharon Huddleston second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Also, we are trying to reach a 65% membership renewal. Please get your membership dues in by November 30, 2024. Your name will be dropped into a drawing for a gift basket. Drawing to be held at our December ALA meeting on Monday December 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Please reach out to Kimberley Johnson at 316-393-0930 to get your dues paid today!! ALSO, please turn in your VOLUNTEER HOURS to Kim.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trunk or Treat at Walser BMW was a last minute opportunity that was brought to us by Lesley Eliassen. We tried to get the word out in time for such short notice. We are grateful to everyone that participated and came out to support our Legion! We won 3rd place in the Halloween Decorating Contest earning us \$250.00 prize. Discussion was had with our Commander Hugh Clare as to where this money would go. It was agreed upon if we won we would split the winnings between our homeless youth in Derby and Haysville School districts and the other half would go to supplies for our Cancer Bags for the VA. Tracy entertained a motion that these funds be split as stated. Lori Ohmes made a motion that we split the donation between homeless youth and cancer bag supplies. Tammy Halloran second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rhonda Hundley found out more information about the homeless youth in Haysville from Linda Long. Linda is the McKinney-Benton (Haysville) Liaison for Haysville school district and is the one that gathers information for each situation and makes a determination on their eligibility for services. Haysville does a case management model and works with the families to provide things such as school supplies, hygiene products, etc. Haysville also has a health clinic because a lot of these youth have little to no Medical Insurance this clinic is run by KU. Haysville has 154 kids and Derby has 50 kids that they are currently serving. Haysville school district teams up with the 1st Baptist Church in Haysville providing clothing/shoes and some house hold items, this resource is called Haysville Restore they can go there and pick out things that they may need. Rhonda Hundley made a motion that we give a \$250.00 donation to Haysville school district, matching the donation to Derby school district homeless program. Tammy Halloran second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Rhonda is going to reach out to Linda and see if she would be available to come and speak at one of our meetings about their programs. Haysville also helps these youth in providing items and supporting them all the way through graduation. These youth are considered homeless if they can not provide a permanent address.

CANCER BAGS FOR THE VA: There is a list of items that we are collecting for these bags in the main hall of the post along with a basket for you to place your donated items into....small squishy pillows, lotions/creams for radiation burns, chap stick, puzzle books, lap blankets, and

more needed. Reach out to Tracy, Lesley, or Shonda if you have any questions. The Auxiliary was approached about “catering” providing food for an event held by the band, Just 3 Chords. Some volunteers said they would provide a chili feed (chili, white chicken chili, chili dogs, chili fries) for a donation to the auxiliary and all funds collected would be for the ALA. We collected \$293.00 (voluntary 10% to BOG) plus a donation to the auxiliary for \$100.00. WAY TO GO AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THIS EVENT!!!!

NEW BUSINESS: Christmas decorating of the Post will be Tuesday December 3, 2024. ALL ARE WELCOMED TO HELP!!!! We will begin decorating at 2:00 pm and will continue until we all give up. Starting in the meeting hall as they have meetings in there that evening. Tracy entertained a motion for the Auxiliary to pay for and provide pizza for the volunteers. Shonda Palmer made a motion to have Christmas decorating on December 3 from 2:00 pm to ? And for ALA to purchase pizza, not to exceed \$100.00. Tammy Halloran second the motion . All in favor. Motion carried.

Joe approached Tracy about the ALA setting up after our meeting tonight and providing desserts for the Vice Commanders Dinner (Tues Nov 12). Tracy agreed we would help with this event, so, we will be helping with that. Hugh and Joe are so grateful for everything the ALA does to support all of the entities at our post. Bash Brothers will be catering BBQ for this event. Christmas For Kids will be Saturday December 14, 2024. SAL and the ALA team up and host this event. There will be games for the kids to collect tickets and at the end of gaming they can “BUY” Christmas gifts for their siblings or parents or themselves!! Set up will (probably begin on Friday December 13th) be around noon and festivities will start at 1:00 and go until 3:00 pm. Please come and volunteer for this event and meet some folks in our community!!
POST CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday December 14, 2024. Social hour 4:00 - 5:00pm, games 5:00 - 5:30 pm dinner around 6:00 pm.

EVENTS: We had 32 players at our November BUNCO!! Second Friday of every month. It is such a great time to meet new people, eat lots of yummy snacks, visit the Canteen, and just have a blast! Next BUNCO is December 13, 2024 doors open at 5:30 pm Dice Roll at 6:00 pm. Hope to see everyone there!!!!

Shonda Palmer made a motion that WE DO NOT HAVE the December Burger Burn (Dec 5th) due to it being such a busy holiday month. Tammy Halloran second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

MONDAY NOV 11 ALA MEETING AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NOV 13 TEXAS HOLD'EM AT 6:30 PM

THURSDAY NOV 14 DINNER 5:00 - 7:00 (or until all gone) FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY MEETING 7:00 PM

SATURDAY NOV 16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:30 PM

SUNDAY NOV 17 SAL MEETING 1:00 PM

FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NOV 20 TEXAS HOLD'EM 6:30 PM

THURSDAY NOV 21 DINNER 5:00 - 7:00 PM (or until gone)

SATURDAY NOV 23 POST WORK DAY 9:00AM - 3:00 PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:30 PM

MONDAY NOV 25 FUNDRAISING MEETING 5:30PM

FOUNDATION MEETING 7:00 PM

TUESDAY NOV 26 BOG MEETING 7:00 PM

THURSDAY NOV 28 THANKSGIVING DAY CANTEEN CLOSED

SATURDAY NOV 30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:30 PM

TUESDAY DEC 3 DECORATING THE POST FOR CHRISTMAS 2:00 PM - ?

THURSDAY DEC 5 NO BURGER BURN JAN 2, 2025 IS THE NEXT BURGER BURN

MONDAY DEC 9 AUXILIARY MEETING 7:00 PM VOTING BOG AND FOUNDATION REPS

FRIDAY DEC 13 BUNCO DOORS OPEN 5:30PM DICE ROLL 6:00PM

Our gift card winner at tonight's ALA meeting is Lori Ohmes card to Chipotle. Congratulations Lori!!!

Sharon Huddleston led closing prayer for peace.

Colors already in place. Hand salute.

Tracy Barton declared this meeting of the Derby-Haysville Unit 408, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas adjourned at 8:07 PM.