

JOHN M WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2025

ATTENDEES: Tracy Barton, Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Rhonda Hundley, Terry Gowen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Tammy Halloran, Ami Amason, Cindy Russell, and Verona Hildebrand.

OPENING:

- Call to order with a hand salute to colors already in place.
- Opening Prayer led by Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Shonda Palmer.
- Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by President Tracy Barton.
- President Tracy Barton declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

STANDING ITEMS

MINUTES:

January 2025 minutes were shared by email. Some corrections were made. Ami Amason made a motion to accept the minutes as shared. Lesley Eliassen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The finance report was read and shared by Rhonda Hundley. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the finance report as shared. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Report will be filed for audit.

BILLS:

Nothing brought forth at this time.

CHAPLAIN REPORT:

Continued thoughts and prayers for Dionna for the loss of her brother and to Shonda for the loss of her mother. Thoughts and prayers also for Ami and Chuck Amason as they navigate treatment for him.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

Nothing at this time. Send your pics and descriptions to our Historian, Tammy Halloran.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER HOURS: Nothing to report at this time. Please continue to turn your hours into Kimberley Johnson.

FUNDRAISERS:

Auxiliary has a Raffle coming up in May. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to make our Raffle a Meat Bundle from Indian Hills. These bundles come with ground beef, steak, chicken, and pork chops. Was discussed that the seller of the winning raffle tickets gets a 10lbs box of Filets. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Helen Leake won the Gun Raffle in January. Congratulations Helen!

Saturday February 15, 2025 the BOG is hosting a Valentine's Dinner. They currently have 5 volunteers and are needing many more as there were 97 meals tickets sold. Decorating for this event will be on Friday February 14, 2025 around 11:00 am. Volunteers should be here around 3:00 pm on Saturday the 15th to help set up and get ready to serve. Nick Engle will be cooking Steak, will also have baked potatoes, salad, and Red Velvet cake with a slice of strawberry on the side for dessert. Please reach out to Karon Watson or any BOG member to get signed up to help out with this event!!

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers for 2025-26 will be voted on in May. Tracy Barton is moving to St. Louis, MO and Shonda Palmer is stepping away from Secretary. Positions up for Auxiliary election: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you or if there someone you would like to nominate for any of these Officer Positions please let Tracy Barton know. New Officers take office on June 1, 2025. As an Officer you will also be a key holder and a Duty Officer for our Burger Burns and our BUNCO games. Please also continue to donate items for our prizes.

Auxiliary will continue Burger Burns for the odd months and the Cruisers will take the even months. March 6, 2025 is our next Burger Burn. We will be needing volunteers for this event. Please reach out to Shonda if you would like to volunteer.

The Post Christmas decorations have been gone through. Many items were thrown away as of tonight (Feb 10) these items are in the dumpster please feel free to take anything you wish. There is also one tree left in the meeting hall for anyone who may need it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Monday February 24, 2025 for any Committee Member to review reports and send in to the State. Time to be announced.

Our BOG contributions are going from 10% to 15% effective March 1, 2025.

We will also be responsible for opening up our own Square acct. Tracy and Rhonda will be doing some more research to figure out exactly what we need to do. Not sure about a new tablet.

Family Meeting Thursday February 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Linda Long from Haysville USD 261 will be the guest speaker. She will be talking about the homeless youth in Haysville and their programs to support these students.

There is a Kansas Department Meeting coming up in March that will be held in Newton this year.

Pancake Feed March 1, 2025. Reach out to Rhonda to volunteer for this event.

Legion Birthday Party is March 15, 2025. Auxiliary is responsible for decorating for this party. We will decorate at 10:00 am. Try to come up with some decorating ideas. Tracy will try to get flowers taken care of. We will need desserts for this event. Possibly a potluck dinner.

NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING IS MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025 AT 7:00 PM.

NEXT BUNCO FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2025

Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen led us in closing prayer .

Tracy Barton declared the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 408 Derby-Haysville adjourned at 7:35 pm.