

American Legion Auxiliary minutes 2/2/2026

Meeting called to order by President Coni Honn 6:31 pm

Opening Prayer: Connie Gowen

Moment of silence called by Coni Honn

Pledge of Allegiance: Verona Hildebrand

Preamble of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Roll call:

President Coni Honn, present

VP: Kristen Frandsen, present

Finance: Rhonda Hundley, present

Secretary: Lori Ohmes, absent excused

Sgt @ Arms: Cindy Russell, present.

Members at large : Jessica Rhein, Carrie Strobel-Clouston, Brian Simpson, Anna Simpson, Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Verona Hildebrand, Connie Bise, DeAnna Aspedon, Connie Gowen, Helen Leak, Karon Watson, Veronica Dunlavy. Recorded hours of volunteerism 311 with recorded mileage of 52.

Treasurers report: presented by Rhonda Hundley , filed for audit.

Minutes of January: motion to accept with changes made Lesley Eliassen, 2nd Shonda Palmer.

New Business:

BIRTHDAY PARTY: for the American Legion to be held on March 14, 2026. Question by Coni Honn as who we send invitations to. She will follow up on that with the Legion Commander.

Theme will be red, white and blue in celebration of the 250th birthday of the USA.

Motion made by Lesley Eliassen to have meat catered for event. Discussion had, 2nd Shonda Palmer. Bash brothers will donate 2 sides being green beans and baked beans. Prices will be gathered for additional food items.

SOUP DINNER: Feb 5, 2026 5-7pm or until runs out. A sign up sheet was sent around.

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL OPEN HOUSE: to be held on April 25, 2026. A committee is meeting to gather plans as to how our post will celebrate with the community.

BINGO COMMITTEE report: Rhonda Hundley stated this will be a long process to get up and running. The committee has started meeting and is moving forward but this will take some time. (Extended amount of time)

Vice President report: membership is finally falling into place with the National ALMIS website. 2 new members. One Transfer member voted in and accepted. Carrie Strobel-Clouston transferring from Wellington as a member in good standing.

BOG report: nothing to report as no meeting held in January.

Historian: no current report. Still looking for new volunteer for this position.

Poppy report: Carrie Clouston will be taking on this position. Lesley will be looking into purchasing poppies and cans from emblems sales for use. Also going to check into using a QR code for donations.

DISCUSSION ON SMOKE ON THE PLAINS: Lesley brought up discussion on Auxiliary participating. Anna made a motion for Auxiliary to bow out on helping. Karon 2nd, Kristen 3rd plus numerous 4th, 5th etc. motion carried to withdraw our assistance.

Old business:

VALENTINES DANCE: Feb 14, 2026 Just Three Chords will start playing after the Queen of Hearts approximate time for band is 8:00.

A motion was entertained by President Coni Honn to purchase the munchies for the dance. Anna Simpson made the motion to purchase with a budget up to \$200.00. 2nd by Kristen Frandsen. Motion carried.

Decorating for the event will take place on Friday the 13th at 6:00pm.

Upcoming events:

Soup dinner 2/5/2026

Valentine dance 2/14/2026

Bunco 2/27/2026

Pancake fundraiser 3/7/2026. Reach out to Rhonda to volunteer (316)259-0564.

Closing prayer: Connie Gowen

Meeting adjourned: Coni Honn 7:16

Minutes presented by Lesley Eliassen with the best of her knowledge for accuracy.

Lesley Eliassen