POST 408
Minutes
15 Sep 2026

Meeting opened by CC Doug Sherwood.

Secretary Barbara King excused.

Acting Chaplin Dick Helzer

Present
1st Vice – Kevin Honn
2nd vice – Buddy Russell
Adjutant – Dayle Dabney
Finance Officer – Hugh Clare
Sargent at Arms – Chuck Amason
Executive Committee = Dick Helzer, Steve Tackett, Deb Womack
Public Relations – Dayle Dabney
Judge Advocate – Terry Marr
Historian – Terry Gowen

Guests – Deb Webb ALA

Minutes of last meeting: Steve Tackett nominated to accept as posted; second Dick Helzer. Passed.

REPORTS
Finance – Deposits $8,393, Payments $ 7,658, National for membership withdrew $2,640. Bal: $35, 748.
Motion to accept Steve Tackett; second Dick Helzer. Passed.
First Vice – membership at 38% reregistered 2027, 28 PUFL
Second Vice – no report (n/r)
Adjutant – Members: 38% reregistered. District is at 41%.
Following voted on and approved for membership: Mel Hutley
Roof Fund at 32,000.
Department Adjutant newsletter reviewed. Can be seen at Department of KS media posting.
Post Service Officer – n/r
Chaplain – n/r
ALA Connie Honn – No meeting held. Supported Golf Tournament fundraiser.
Sip and Paint successful. Raised $1,200 for roof fund.
SAL – n/r
ALR - Fabiola at Wellington set for Sep 26. Meet at Post at 4 PM to travel to Wellington.
ALC – Next show isFriday 18 Sep 26 at 6 PM with Terry Marr as RC.
Donated $500 for roof fund.
Next dinner is a Taco night.
BOG – by Kevin Honn and CC
Queen of hearts at $13,891.
August finance balance $45,677. Outgoing $14,280. Deposits $15,195.
Insurance obligations $18,000; bond obligations $18,000, total is above balance, but expect estimated incoming to cover. All bills due are covered. Power bill reset for a 12 month stable plan.

Foundation – Steve Tackett reports the Steak Feed had a mediocre turnout, however, cleared $1200.

Scholarship program plans on multiple $500 school scholarships and trade scholarship. One each education for Derby HS and Campus HS and one third as a trade school. Open to post family students as well.

Fundraising –reported on research for brick project for front entry refresh effort. Found cost of $20 for a 4 x 8. Also checking opportunity to get donation bricks with requested lettering made locally added to the project as sold.

Roof fundraising. Connie Honn reports effort to find grants ongoing. Refeshing estimates from one opportunity with Morrison. Target is currently set at $150,000 based on three bids as npted by Hugh Clare for complete removal and replace. Matt Friesen discussed opportunity for new roofing which seems to not cover removal for $53,000 and an additional $27,000 for annex area. Discussion noted goal was set to ensure complete coverage for possible cost increases and additional unexpected work.

Connie Honn reports that Post 136 is going to help with the Post 408 roof with a fish fry , corn hole tournament. Date and details forth coming.

Public Relations – opportunity update for McConnell AFB newsletter flyer advertisement in "Pioneers of Flight" for the Oct 24-25 Airshow. Ad needs to be requested by 15 Sep. Recommend using normal Post Family ad. Derby Informer provides cost of $197 with a note "Find us at the show" included. Will require funding approval in new biz.

State Fair Department Legion Booth – need more volunteers; esp. for 18 Sep.

Child & Youth - confirmed with Department Commander the Department Oratorical will be in Wichita in Spring 2027; dates are published in Department calendar; Oxford Center. Planning meeting for Dist 5 set for 27 Sep in Newton (POC Joe Hicks).

Troop accepted additional retirement flags for proper disposition.

Golf committee– Successful. Gross is $23,000. Great event. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated. Great lessons learned. Dick Helzer gun donation raffle was won by Honn and re-donated for another raffle.

Parade committee– n/r

Bingo committee – Deb Womack, POC, reported audio/visual already in work by post family. Opportunity to start with simple program with $2,000 for two licenses, organizing. Est. $740 for equipment, does not include dobbers, cards, etc. Intial cost needs: separate cabinet $400, bingo tools like dobbers $1 each, etc. Investigating pull tab opportunity that can start at $695. A fifty person event in the beginning could realistically provide approximately a $500 fund raiser for each event.

Motion to accept reports made by Kevin Honn, Second by Matt Friesen to accept. Passed.

Old Business –

Front of post brick project – Motion Hugh Clare to begin with clearing area, second by Steve Tackett. Passed.

Webmaster & Facebook administrator as a neutral party – Honn, Clare, Sherwood, meet with current provider Tiffany. Starting to move forward. Plan is for a 90 day calendar, add hyperlinks for flyers. Still in planning stage and set up ownership with neutral party.

New Business

Derby Informer, Pioneer of Flight Advertisement motioned for approval of funds approximately of $197 motion by Dabney, second by Tackett. Passed.

Amazon donation picked up and needs a vote to provide items to McConnell AFB Airman's Attic and Food Bank. Motioned by Dabney, second by Anna Simpson. Passed. .

Annex C update, POC Hugh Clare. Post Family entities will now fund food purchase for dinner fund raisers, etc. Requires a motion and final vote for bank card authorization. Motioned by Hugh Clare, second by Chuck Amason to get a bank card to have post buy food. Motion amended by Matt Friesen and seconded to obtain two cards for finance officer and first vice. Motion for authorization and amend passed .

No more new business for good of post presented.

Any member in need of assistance was asked.
Ron Plunkett had knee replacement and has an infection and can use thoughts and prayers. Buck Wesley has a hip replacement and can use same.

Meeting closed.