

**JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408**  
**ALA Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2025**

**Attendees:** Tracy Barton, Kimberley Johnson, Rhonda Hundley, Leslie Eliassen, Coni Honn, Cindy Russell, Karon Watson, Helen Leake, Jerry Sanders, Debi Webb, Tammy Halloran, Lori Olmes.

**Opening:**

- Call to Order with hand salute to colors already in place followed by opening prayer by Leslie Eliassen and a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Coni Honn.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Auxiliary led by Tracy Barton
- President Tracy Barton declared Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

**Standing Items:**

**Minutes:** Debi Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting as published. Tammy Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report was read and copies shared by Rhonda Hundley. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the report. Coni Honn seconded and motion passed.

Kim Johnson submitted a bill for membership she paid online for \$262. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to reimburse Kim. Tammy Halloran seconded, and motion passed.

The need to fund an earmark for post cleaning was discussed. Lori Olmes made a motion to add \$100 per month for post cleaning to be discussed with Dionna Farbstein. Lesley Eliassen seconded, and motion passed.

Bunco earmark was discussed, and Lesley Eliassen made a motion to reduce the earmark to \$50 per month to be reviewed in June. Coni Honn seconded, and the motion passed.

**Fundraisers:**

ALA's next raffle will be May 1 – June 15. A meat raffle was approved last meeting with product from Indian Hills.

**Old Business:**

ALA's next burger burn will be May 1. As far as we know, ALC will be sharing the first Thursday of each month with us, so we cook every other month.

Bunco will be Friday, March 14. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Next month, April 11. Donations for prizes would be appreciated.

Year-end reports were completed and turned in by February 28.

During the October 14, 2024 meeting, a motion was made and passed that there be no alcohol consumption during Auxiliary meetings by anyone along with a motion that passed to add it to our Standing Rules in our Bylaws.

**Upcoming Events:**

The Legion Birthday Party is this Saturday, March 18. Setup and decorating will be at 1:00 pm. Social hour starts at 3:00 pm. Bring two side dishes to share. Help with clean-up will be needed.

80's Night Party with a DJ is being discussed with SAL possibly on April 19. Possibly charging entrance per head. A committee will be formed. If interested, contact Tracy Barton.

Convention will be Saturday, March 29, in McPherson starting at 8:30 am. Registration is \$10.

Girls State is June 1 – 6. Registration deadline is May 1. Registration fee is \$425 with each girl paying \$25 of that amount. The current earmark for Girls State stands at \$325.

Smoke on the Plains is Friday and Saturday, June 13 & 14.

Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 14.

Cindy Russell is working on getting a mailbox for retired flags.

**Nominations:**

- President - Coni Honn
- Vice President - Kristen Frandsen
- Secretary - (open)
- Treasurer - Rhonda Hundley
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Lori Olmes
- Chaplain – Connie Gowen
- Historian – Tammy Halloran

Nominations will be finalized next month followed by voting. New officers will be sworn in and assume their positions in May.

**Chaplain's Report:**

- Kristen Frandsen – father-in-law passed
- Shonda Palmer – surgery on elbow
- Sharon Huddleston - hospital

Please contact Connie Fox-Gowen with any illnesses or deaths at 816-820-2407 or [DNP114@hotmail.com](mailto:DNP114@hotmail.com).

Lesley Eliassen closed in prayer.

Next meeting is April 14.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rhonda Hundley  
Treasurer