

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2024

ATTENDEES: Kimberley Johnson, Rhonda Hundley, Laurie Hickle, Tammy Halloran, Wanda Dailey, Cindy Russell, Lori Ohmes, Audrey Tackett, Ami Amason, Brenda Paul, Coni Honn, Tracy Barton, Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place.
- Opening prayer by Lesley Eliassen.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Ohmes.
- 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 to our new member Audrey Tackett. Thank you everyone for being here.

STANDING ITEMS

MINUTES:

Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the minutes from September 2024 as emailed and shared with the membership. Ami Amason 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rhonda Hundley read and passed a copy around to members. Brenda Paul made a motion to accept the treasure's report as read and shared. Laurie Hickle 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS:

Kimberley Johnson paid \$224.00 on October 11 and paid \$252.00 on October 5, 2024 for memberships totaling \$476.00. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to reimburse Kimberley Johnson for memberships paid. Laurie Hickle 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

FUNDRAISERS:

1. **RAFFLE:** We currently are raffling a Blower Bundle. Tracy still has packets of tickets available for sale if you need some. Please be coming up with ideas for our next raffle. Saturday October 19, 2024 Our House Band, **JUST 3 CHORDS** will be jammin' out at 6:30 PM. Please come for "ALL THINGS CHILI" at 6:00 PM!!!! This dinner will be supporting the American

Legion Auxiliary. (\$5.00 - more donation appreciated!) **PLEASE COME OUT TO SUPPORT JUST 3 CHORDS AND OUR FAMILY POST!**

- Some of our other fundraising ideas are teaming up with the SAL and hosting an 80's Night with a DJ!
- Also with the SAL putting on a Crawfish Boil around May of 2025.
- Possibly a Valentine's Dinner. Would be on a Thursday night (reg dinner night).
- Indoor Cornhole Tournament.

Please be thinking of other fundraising ideas.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

Please send your pictures and updates of events going on within the Post and events outside the Post to Tammy Halloran, Historian.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

We have 19 committees within our Auxiliary of these 19, two have been filled, the Historian and the Poppy committees. Tonight we have had Coni Honn and Laurie Hickle volunteer to do Public relations/Event and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Thank you ladies for everything you do for our post!!

1. AMERICANISM
2. AUDIT
3. AXILLARY EMERGENCY FUND
4. HISTORIAN **TAMMY HALLORAN**
5. CHILDREN AND YOUTH
6. COMMUNITY SERVICE
7. CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS
8. EDUCATION
9. FINANCE
10. ALA GIRLS STATE/ ALA GIRLS NATIONAL
11. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
12. LEADERSHIP
13. LEGISLATIVE
14. MEMBERSHIP (recruiting)
15. NATIONAL SECURITY
16. PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY
17. POPPY **AMI AMASON**
18. PUBLIC RELATIONS/EVENT **CONI HONN**
19. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION **LAURIE HICKLE**

When I receive the list of duties for each of these committees I will send it out! Please reach out to an Officer if you would like more information or if you would like to chair any of these committees.

We also need to get the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Executive Committee positions filled as soon as possible! Please know if you choose to chair any of these committees you will not be alone doing it all by yourself!! Thank you so much for your participation!

Nominations for our Board of Governors (BOG) Representatives (we have 3) for the Auxiliary is coming quickly. We have one, possibly two positions opening, a 1 year position and possibly a 3 year position.

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

If you have any hours to turn in please give those to Kimberley Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP:

Please get your renewals turned in to Kimberley Johnson before December 1, 2024 to be entered into a drawing to win a gift basket!

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Cindy Russell to accept the Rules and Regulations as presented. Lori Ohmes 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. I will get copies sent out soon.

We sold 79 burgers (28 with bacon) at our last burger burn. A very good turn out!! Thank you so much to everyone that volunteers at our events!!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion about Wreaths Across America. We participate at the Winfield Veterans Cemetery. Laurie Hickie made a suggestion that we also place wreaths at Greenwood Cemetery in Haysville. She is going to check and see if there is someone taking care of that cemetery, if not, we will see what we can do to help.
2. Cancer and Chemo Bags: We are having a Cancer Care Drive. Items we are collecting to put in cancer treatment bags are, blankets, puzzles, shave nut oil, eyebrow and eyeliner pencils, squishy pillows, individual snacks, journals, socks, books, lip balm, hard candy (sugar free), pens/pencils, and preggy pops (find them in the baby section at Walmart or target) these are for nausea, head coverings such as stocking caps, ball caps, and scarves. There will also be a list posted in the main hallway on the bulletin board. We will be collecting these items and bags to put items into. Thank you to MJB Heating for donating some bags!! We are trying to provide 30 bags, assembled and ready to go by October 31, 2024. Please drop your donations at the Legion. Thank you so much!! We are collecting these items for the Veterans Hospital supporting men and women in our community. We would like to make this a quarterly drive for our Veterans!!!
3. We had a Representative from USD 260 come and speak about Homeless Children and Youth in Derby School District 260 (waiting for information for Haysville students). USD 260 (Derby) had 50 children considered homeless (they can not provide a physical address) last school year. This could be due to domestic violence, couch surfing, or living in their car. There is a program that is available for these students that provides meals, sleeping bags, pillows, laundry service, hygiene products, and a warm shower. The American Legion Riders wrote her a check for a donation to help support this program. Lesley Eliassen made a motion that we make a one time donation of \$250.00 to USD 260 Derby and a one time donation of \$250.00 to USD 261 Haysville. Lori Ohmes 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to create an earmark to put \$50.00 a month into and quarterly split between USD 260 and

USD 261 which will be \$150.00 each quarterly, Everyone 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Tracy Barton entertained a motion that there be NO alcohol consumption during any Auxiliary meetings by anyone. Brenda Paul made a motion that there be no alcohol at any ALA meeting. Lori Ohmes 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Rhonda Hundley made a motion to add this to our Standing Rules. All voted to add to Standing Rules. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. President Tracy Barton discussed how we should handle ourselves when representing the Legion and the Auxiliary. She requested that the BUNCO Committee have a meeting prior to the next game to discuss issues and get them resolved. She also discussed that committees need to be formed, of the 17 needed.
6. Lesley Eliassen presented the Auxiliary with a chance to win cash at the Trunk Or Treat at Walser BMW. This is a decorating contest between Non-profits, with the potential to win up to \$1000.00 for 1st place, \$500.00 for 2nd place and \$250.00 for 3rd place. We are meeting at Walser BMW on Greenwich and 13th Street in Wichita. If you would like to participate in this event please meet Saturday October 19, 2024 @ 9:00 am to start the festivities at Walser. We are doing a Legion/Military theme. The winner is based on which Non-profit collects the most tickets/popular vote. Best part, WALSER SUPPLIES ALL THE CANDY!!!! Please come out and support the Auxiliary and the community!!
7. Saturday November 2, 2024 There is a STAR Meeting at Mulvane American Legion Post 136 from 9:00-12:00 pm. This event is hosted by District Officers to inform other Officers within the district of things that are happening and protocols and what takes place. If you have any questions about the auxiliary this is the meeting to get those answers.
8. We will be having a Trunk or Treat at the Post on Thursday October 31, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please come and decorate your trunk!! Bring your candy and enjoy hanging out with the youth in our community!! It was brought up that this Trunk or Treat was not brought to membership, not in the minutes anywhere, and was not voted on. There were discussions in the building and text messages had been sent out informing of this event and asking for any interest in participation. Because there is not any funds being given or being asked for, a vote is not necessary. If you did not receive information on this event I apologize that I didn't get it in the meeting minutes! Also, this event had been presented to the BOG....they denied our request because of liabilities in our parking lot due to lack of lighting. The PEC met and discussed the lighting and said they would have that taken care of and they overruled the BOG giving us permission to continue with our event.
9. Please see the calendar on our Legion website at **Americanlegionfamilypost408.com**
10. We also have our Operation Holiday Derby pancake feed here at the post on November 2, 2024 here at the post.
11. Wreaths across America our participating cemetery is The Winfield Veterans Cemetery. Laurie Hickle made a suggestion that we also place wreaths at Greenwood Cemetery in Haysville. She was asked to find out if there is anyone taking care of this Cemetery and if not that we as the Auxiliary can try and find out if there is anything we can do to help.

12. Next Burger Burn is Thursday November 7, 2024. PLEASE REACH OUT TO SHONDA, LESLEY, OR TRACY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!!! WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!
13. Next BUNCO is Friday November 8, 2024.
14. FLYERS: we are trying to figure out who will be making flyers and answering our questions about posting on our social media platforms.....please hold.... Concerning the flyer that went out about the band **Just 3 Chords**, the wording concerning the Auxiliary should have read "supporting the ALA" as we were just asked to provide food for this event (suggested donation of \$5.00 for chili). PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE BAND AND THE AUXILIARY!! Saturday October 19, 2024: Dinner, all things chili, starts at 6:00pm band starts playing at 6:30pm.
15. PLEASE IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER OR ARE NOT RECEIVING EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES FROM ME (SHONDA PALMER), PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME AT 316-208-4732 AND I WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GET YOU ADDED TO MY LIST!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 BOG Burger Burn 5:00-7:00pm
SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 **JUST 3 CHORDS** playing at 6:30 pm ALL THINGS CHILI at 6:00pm.
SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 Church Service at 11:15am Followed by the SAL Meeting at 1:00pm
MONDAY OCTOBER 21 Foundation Meeting at 7:00pm
TUESDAY OCTOBER 22 BOG Meeting at 7:00pm
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm
THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 VA Representative 9:00am to 4:00pm
ALR dinner 5:00-7:00pm
PEC Meeting at 7:00pm
SUNDAY OCTOBER 27 ALC Trunk or Treat 1:00-3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 Texas Hold'em at 6:39 pm
THURSDAY OCTOBER 31 ALA Trunk or Treat 6:00-8:00 pm

The winner of the meeting gift card is Ami Amason!! Congratulations!!!

Lori Ohmes led us in closing prayer.

President Tracy Barton declared the meeting of Derby-Haysville Unit 498, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas, adjourned @ 8:17pm.