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### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting February 2025.

At 7:05 pm February 6, 2025 a quorum was present of 18 Legion Members and 3 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain Mike Bulger and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 2nd Vice Commander, Doug Sherwood. The American Legion Preamble was led by Commander Clare. Commander Clare declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

#### 1. Roll call:

1st Vice, Laurie Hickle- excused  
2nd Vice, Doug Sherwood- present  
Adjutant, Mike Brady- excused  
Finance Officer, Joe Dinino- present  
Service Officer, Chuck Ammons- excused  
Sgt. of Arms, Kevin Honn (present); Terry Gowen (excused)  
Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present  
Historian, vacant  
Executive Committee, Morris Short (present), Dick Helzer (present), Steve Tackett (present).  
Public Relations Officer: vacant  
Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present

#### 2. Introduction of guests and prospective members as read by Commander Clare.

3. The January meeting minutes were ready to be read.
  - a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes presented by Joe Dinino
  - b. **2nd by:** Dale Dabney; discussion – none. Minutes were approved; motion carried.
4. Finance report was read by finance officer, Joe Dinino.
  - a. **Motion to:** accept the month's Finance Report by, Barbara King
  - b. **2nd by:** Steve Hinds; discussion - note. Motion carried.
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
  - 1st Vice Commander Report: No report**
  - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Doug Sherwood reported updates to POW/MIA– attached
  - Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported – 8 new members from last month. The goal of 299 members pending. The current total 257 for 85.95%.
  - Post Service Officer Report: No report**
  - Chaplain:** Mike Bulger reported cards were sent to Terry Gowen. Mike attended a VA meeting to discuss collaboration with the ministry.
  - Auxiliary: No report**
  - SAL:** Mike Saindon reported membership is 116; target was 109 for over 153%. SAL dinner had good response; chicken fried steak sandwich and fries. Reminder of 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention; register by 3/29.
  - Legion Riders Report:** Rhonda reported that Riders raffle going on currently - \$5 for 1/ \$20 for 5 tickets.
  - Cruisers:** Charter membership ended 12/31/2024 as of that date there are 45 registered members.
  - BOG:** Joe Dinino reported on BOG activities, Super Bowl Sunday food set up at 4:00 pm; Valentines Dinner 2/15/25; need volunteers. Cut off to RSVP is on Friday. Menu: KC Strip, Filet, Chicken, salad, dinner roll.
  - Foundation:** No report
  - Fundraising Committee: No report**
  - Public Relations: No report**
  - Children and Youth: No report**
    - Boys State –**
    - Cadet Law -**
    - Oratorical –** To be held at Post 444 Oxford – Vista in Wichita 2/23
  - Golf:** First meeting 2/11/25
  - Parade: No Report**
  - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Steve Hinds
  - 2nd by:** Mike Bulger; discussion – none. Motion carried.
6. Old Business: None
  - a. Committee – incorporate Cruisers into the bylaws/constitution
  - b. Amazon – Post 408 in rotation to receive shipments of pallets
  - c. Storage Shed – need to conduct Spring cleaning.

7. New Business:

- a. Consider office space for Cruisers
  - b. Commander @ 136 suggest a competition with 408. Possible suggestions: corn hole tournament, possible horse shoes, bowling tournament with a “traveling trophy” Motion to set up friendly competition with Post 136 proposed by Dale Dabney; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bulter – motion carried
  - c. BOG – proposed change to Annex C, Fund Raising. Para (2) Read/Discuss remove % breakdown of volunteers “who work” propose “variable % due to BOG”.
  - d. Does Post 408 want to consider hosting Department Events, i.e. Mid-winter Forum; Christmas Party; Picnic – Family Fun Day. Commander or Adjutant to prepare letter to Department. Motion to sent letter to Department proposed by Terry Marr; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Honn. Motion carried
  - e. Birthday Party – March 15<sup>th</sup> (Auxiliary to take the lead)
    - i. Awards to Police/Fire/Paramedic
    - ii. Post Everlasting
    - iii. BOG will provide meat – potluck sides.
  - f. Next Family Meeting – Linda Long – Haysville to present
8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” – none
9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morris Short. Motion passed
10. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 7:50 pm. Next meeting March 6th, 2025; business session closed @ 8:15 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attendance
2. POW/MIA Report
3. BOG Updates