



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting Oct 2023.

At 7:00 pm 4 Oct 2023 a quorum was present of 20 Legion Members and 3 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain John McCullough and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by the Commander. Command Tackett declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

1. Roll call:
  - 1st Vice, Terry Gowen-present
  - 2nd Vice, Hugh Clare-present
  - Adjutant, John McCullough-present
  - Finance Officer, Joe Dinino-present
  - Service Officer, Daniel McKelvey-present
  - Sgt. of Arms: Jim Eliason-present
  - Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
  - Historian, Open
  - Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Joe Williams absent, Dick Helzer present
  - Public Relations Officer: Mike Saindon- present
  - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present
2. Introduction of guests and prospective members as read by Commander Tackett.  
Ken and Pattie Geistfeld, welcome.

3. The Sept meeting minutes are ready to be read. Motion to forego the reading of the minutes was presented by Dale Dabney; 2nd by Joe Dinino, minutes approved, motion passed.
4. The finance report was read by Joe Dinino. Motion to accept the September's Finance Report by Terry Gowen, 2nd by Dayle Dabney. Finance report approved, motion passed,
5. Officer and Committee Reports:

**1st Vice Commander Report:** Terry Gowen - nothing to report

**2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Hugh Claire reported – attached

**Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported No reported membership 174 with 247 as goal. Currently at 70% membership is picking up. Motion to accept report by Joe Dinino, 2nd by Don Peoples

**Post Service Officer Report:** Dan McKelvey reported he is in the process of collecting names of deployed service members.

**Chaplain Report:** Several members are sick or in the hospital: Rosetta Wood; Carol Hicks, please pray for them.

**Auxiliary:** Leslie Eliassen – nothing to report. Meeting minutes posted on website

**SAL:** Mike Saindon – nothing to report

**Legion Riders Report:** Up coming missions: Columbus Day Flags at VA cancelled. Ride in at Haysville High School; Ride on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Winfield.

**BOG:** Joe Dinino reported on building update activities; paperwork for screening on roof has been submitted, there are 3 bids. City of Derby will provide \$5,000 once screening is complete. Temporary Occupancy will expire 12/31/23. Question: Who is in charge of the “garage sale” and when will it take place?” “Who will benefit from the event?” No one spoke up to take charge, the sale is postponed until next year.

**Foundation:** Rhonda Hundley reported Cash Savers; 9:00 am load up at Post, set up and ready to sell 10 am to 2 pm in Haysville.

**Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported – vest for Derby police dog. 10/14 ALR Auction – Donations accepted starting at Noon with auction at 6:00 pm.

11/2 Italian Dinner at the Post

11/3 Pancake Feed at the Derby Community Center

11/17 & 18 Holiday decorating at the Post

12/2 SAL Kids Christmas Party

12/16 Post Family Christmas Dinner

Currently two (2) Thursdays of a month are scheduled for dinners. Legion suggested a burger burn prior to the Family Meeting. Motion to have burger burn made by Pete Peterson with 2nd by Dale Dabney 11/28 and 12/26 before the Family meetings. Need a flyer made to advertise.

**Public Relations:** Joe Dinino reported – Parade for Veterans Day is sponsored by Post 4 and has invited Post 408 to participate.

**Children and Youth:** Dale Dabney reported:

**Boys State**

**Cadet Law**

**Oratorical**

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Terry Gowen, 2nd by Joe Dinino

6. Old Business:
  - a. Vice Command Dinner – 35 RSVP so far. Please send in money and rsvp is you plan to attend to Barbara King.
7. New Business:
  - a. Steve Tacket – received email from National ALA asking for support for National Officers business trip (3). Cost is in the \$1,000s and may ask each entity to donate \$500.
  - b. Terry Gowen – Fun Days at Lake Afton Gun Club – Nov 18-19 are next available. Space for 40, \$15 per person.
  - c. National is raising membership to \$45 may need to raise dues locally to \$50 in order to receive any support. Terry Marr motioned to raise AL dues to \$50 for Derby/Haysville; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Dinino. Motion passed – to be effective 1 July 2024.
  - d. Joe Dinino requested that all members be courteous and turn off lights and lock doors when leaving – if you are the last one out.
8. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by all. Motion passed
9. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 8:10 pm.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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