

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA March 12, 2023

Attendees: Connie Bise, Lora Blake, Lesley Eliassen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Rhonda Hundley, Shonda Palmer, Jessie Stanislaw, Lindsey Fine, Helen Leake, Anna Simpson, Brian Simpson, Rose Sullivan & Karon Watson. Guests: Steve Tackett.

Opening:

- Call to Order (3 raps) With colors already in place hand salute
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Lesley Eliassen
 - Opening Prayer was done by Connie Fox-Gowen and then a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Anna Simpson led the pledge of allegiance.
- Preamble - Led by Leslie Eliassen

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
 - The minutes of last month's meeting were emailed and reviewed, corrections for the month being added - Minutes "Passed with the corrections" - Please remember all Meeting minutes will also be posted on the Legions Website.
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- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jessie Stanislaw
 - The treasurer's report for the month of February was read
 - No Corrections noted:
 - The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

- 1) Cup Fundraiser is ongoing - Selling them for \$25.00 each. We bought 100 of them (75 color & 25 BI/White). They can be bought at the post meetings or on the website. We have not made enough to cover what was borrowed to pay for the cups. We paid 1800.00 for them so our cost was \$18.00 each. You can check out the cups to sell them. We hope to sell them at any upcoming event.
- 2)SAL still has the kitchen wares fundraiser going.
- 3) ALR Coins are still available - They are \$10.00 each. They are also selling RED Friday bags, \$15 each. The regular bag is \$15.00 and \$20 for a zippered bag. They also have "Support Our Troops" signs for \$5. We also still have stripes available to purchase on the Donor Flag. We also still have the "Got Sneakers" going.
- 4) We are supporting the BG fundraiser with donations for the VA. Please see the
- 5) Birthday Party is THIS SATURDAY (3/18) - Meat is provided, please plan to bring 2 side dishes to share. We will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets during the social time. Set-Up time is 1:00, Social time is: 3:00, Dinner at 4:00. Please plan to join us for a great event. Russ Kessler, Haysville Mayor, is our Guest Speaker and we have several guests attending. The Boy Scouts will be helping again this year with Bussing Tables and general help. Point of order: The doors will close at 4:00 until Post Everlasting is done.
- 6) March 4th was the Pancake Feed for the Derby Chamber. They collected over 7000 food items for the Derby Food Pantry and served over 270 meals. The post made \$1040.66.

New Business:

- 1) May 5th & 6th is the PRCA Rodeo at the Haysville Saddle Club - They need volunteers for the event. We need to make our presence known in Haysville a little more so this could be a great event.
- 2) April 6th is the next Legion Family meeting at 7:00 pm. We will be having "Breakfast for Supper" Please come and support our Legion Family.
- 3) March 23rd is the next BOG meeting - All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- 4) We are planning to partner with the SAL and do a drive through Breakfast on April 16th. Since we will not be open yet, we are going to see how this will go and start getting the word out about doing the breakfasts again. We will have to purchase the items the first few times we do this event until we get established.
- 5) March 22nd is the Spangles Fundraiser again. All food bought from 5:00-8:00, we will get a % of the profits. Please make plans to eat at Spangles on Wednesday 3/22.
- 6) Next meeting March 13th at 7:00. There is usually a fundraising meeting at 5:30 directly before our meeting and they would love more support.
- 7) Volunteer Shirts will be available again. This time we are doing Blue. We hope that we can order them online through Shamrock Graphics.
- 8) May 15th The Announcement that Haysville will be a Purple Heart City will be made, please plan to attend the City Council Meeting that evening. (City Hall in Haysville)
- 9) Anna Simpson is going to get more information on a fundraising opportunity that is done through Rusty Eck and see what we need to do and participate in this possible way to raise 2400.00 for the Auxiliary.
- 10) The Post is hoping for a Soft Opening of the Post in April. They will be doing a Ribbon Cutting and Opening to the Public after we get our Certificate of Occupancy. We have a few items that must be done prior to opening: Finish Bar, Doors on both sides of the Bar installed, Bathroom stalls finished installing, Doors on the Restrooms and Fence around the Patio. Please come help on weekends - all help is greatly appreciated.

Officers for the upcoming year have been nominated as follows:

President - Lesley Eliassen
Vice President - Jesse Stanislaw
Secretary - Shonda Palmer
Treasurer - Jesse Stanislaw
Chaplain - Connie Fox-Gowen
Sgt. at Arms- Rose Sullivan

The new officers for the 2023-2024 year will be sworn in at the June meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 4th Prior to Legion Mtg. - Mexican Feed - Please watch for details!

Saturday Sept. 16th - Atwoods - HotDog Fundraiser. - It is a fun and easy fundraiser.

July 8th is Operation Holiday Toy Run so keep that in your Calendars.

We will be doing peaches in September instead of August - Watch for details!

Please watch the Website for any new and upcoming Events!

Discussion of Department Newsletter. Reminded members to check online for updates. Rose will not be able to attend the District Convention due to upcoming eye surgery (lets keep her in our prayers) but plans to go to the Department Convention.

Membership - As of Dec. 31, 2022 if your dues have not been paid you are considered in arrears and may not have a vote on any items until said dues are paid.

Our next Auxiliary Meeting will be April 10th @ 7:00 and should be back in the meeting room.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:08