

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY AUGUST 12, 2024

ATTENDEES: Kimberley Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Tracy Burge, Brian Simpson, Anna Simpson, Shonda Palmer, Laurie Hickle, Rhonda Hundley, Kristin Frandsan, Tammy Halloran, Sharon Huddleston, Coni Honn, Lori Ohmes, Cindy Russell, Verona Hildebrand, Pat Kitterman, and Ami Amason.

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place.
- Opening prayer by Brian Simpson followed by a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Brian Simpson.
- Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by Tracy Burge.
- President Tracy Burge declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:06am.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to our new member Kristin Frandsan.

STANDING ITEMS:

MINUTES: Coni Honn made a motion to accept the minutes from July as posted. Anna Simpson 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The finance report was read and passed around by Rhonda Hundley. Brian Simpson made a motion to accept the report as read. Anna Simpson 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS: Kimberley Johnson purchased two rolls of stamps costing \$136.00. Pat Kitterman made a motion to reimburse Kimberley. Coni Honn 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kimberley Johnson paid membership dues for July costing \$140.00. Anna Simpson made a motion to reimburse Kimberley. Tammy Halloran 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tracy Burge purchased a dustpan on a stick for ALA use in the dinning hall costing \$34.98. Kimberley Johnson made a motion to reimburse Tracy. Anna Simpson 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Frosty fell and is now in a wheelchair. He is healing slowly but able to get around a bit. Please keep him in your prayers.

FUNDRAISERS: ALA'S raffle will begin on September 16 - October 31, 2024. This raffle is for a leaf blower bundle (w/gloves, lawn bags, rake, etc.) discussion on ticket pricing and final purchase of items to be discussed as we get closer to time.

Pat Kitterman presented flyers for T-shirts and a windbreaker jacket. Tammy Halloran made a motion to offer these for sale as a fundraiser. T-shirts will cost \$20.00ea with 2XL and up \$25.00 ea. The windbreaker jacket will cost \$35.00 ea with 2XL and up \$40.00 ea. Kimberley Johnson made a motion to offer these T-shirts and jacket at this cost. Laurie Hickle 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. (We must sell at least 12 to get at this cost)

There will be a fundraiser at every ALA meeting for a \$5.00 donation to win a gift card to be drawn at the end of our meetings. The winner for our August meeting is Sharon Huddleston! She won a \$20.00 gift card to Chick fil a. Congratulations!!

Tracy Burge entertained the idea of a breakfast for a fundraiser. Tammy Halloran made a motion for the Auxiliary to have a donation only, biscuits and gravy breakfast on Saturday September 7, 2024 from 7 - 11:00 am. Shonda Palmer 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Our Historian, Tammy Halloran, had a discussion with Commander Hugh Clare about purchasing a scanner for all pictures to be uploaded. Shonda Palmer made a motion to purchase a scanner. Brian Simpson 2nd the motion. Discussion had to table this until we do more research. Going to pick out 3 different scanners and decide between those.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

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

MEMBERSHIP: Kimberley Johnson reported an award would be given for the highest percentage of renewals made by December 7, 2024. As an incentive, a drawing for a gift basket will be held for those that renew early. Membership are for January through December. Renewals can be submitted beginning September 1. This drawing will be held December 1.

NEW BUSINESS: Derby Highschool Senior football player came to The Post, in person, to ask for our post to sponsor him for Senior Night and Parents Night this season. SAL and ALR have already donated \$50.00 per entity. All sponsors will be displayed on a banner at these events. Cindy Russell made a motion to donate \$50.00 for the sponsorship. Coni Honn 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion had about Volunteers participating in meals served at ALA functions. Kristin Frandsan made a motion for a meal to be offered to volunteers. If you choose to pay for this meal please do it as a donation in the donation jar. Coni Honn 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Legion Christmas Party in the books for Saturday December 14, 2024. Social hour will be 4 - 5pm. Then we will have Left Right Santa (Brian Simpson will provide this story) 5 - 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Every member bring 2 sides or desserts and a gift for Left Right Santa if you would like to participate.

BOG is requesting \$500.00 for 16 new security cameras. Each camera has its own light and siren and will be placed outside and inside our Post. Company Real Link has no subscription or monthly fees and is live streamed to be viewed by a cell phone or computer. The cost for this system is \$2500.00 and has a 2 year warranty. Anna Simpson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the BOG for security system. Rhonda Hundley 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

September 8, 2024 the post bar will be open 7 days a week. **WE NEED BARTENDERS!!** Any officer of any entity is eligible to bar tend. Interview just as you would any other job. The bar is open 3:00 - when the bar is empty but **NOT** before 8:00 pm. During football season the bar will open at noon on Saturday and Sunday. We will have the NFL package again this season. Please bring ideas about fundraisers during football season. Contact Barbara King for more information.

BUNCO EARMARK: Pat Kitterman made a motion to change earmark from \$100.00 to \$100.00 per month through December and reevaluate in January 2025. Brian Simpson 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cindy Russell reported she has enough volunteers to cover Old Settlers Rodeo parking. Report to concession stand Cindy should be there. You will receive 2 wristbands per volunteer. You **MUST HAVE WRISTBAND** for both Friday and Saturday nights. If you do not use your wristband to go to the rodeo please give it to someone that would like to go.

Tracy Burge reached out to Sandy from USD 260 about providing teachers with school supplies. Sandy contacted the principals of these schools and came up with a list of supplies they need. If you would like to donate supplies please drop them off in the Auxiliary office, there will be a box for drop off.

Oktoberfest starts September 28, 2024, on Germany's opening day, at the Post. Laurie Hickle is the chair of this event. She is in need of volunteers for preparing food, decorations, and also needs desserts donated. Tickets are \$20.00 this event is open to the public. Starts at 5:00 pm. There is also a Polka Band to enjoy. Please contact Laurie Hickle at 316-207-5718.

Peaches are ready for pick-up on Tuesday August 13, 2024 at 9:00 am. If you would like to help with distribution please contact Rhonda Hundley.

Pat Kitterman by-laws update tabled for our next meeting on September 9, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 13 th peaches delivered at 9:00 am
August 14th SAL Texas Hold'em at 6:30pm
August 15th BOG Burger Burn
August 17th QOH
August 17th Tracy and Brad's Wedding Reception at 6:30pm
August 18th Church Service at 11:15am
August 18th SAL meeting at 1:09pm
August 22nd ALR Taco/taco burger dinner
August 23rd and 24 Old Settlers Day Rodeo Parking
August 29th SAL Mexican dinner
September 5th ALA Burger Burger Burn
September 5th Family Meeting at 7:00pm
September 9th **NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7:00PM**
September 13th ALA BUNCO at 5:30 dice roll at 6:00pm
September 28th Oktoberfest at 5:00pm
Brian Simpson led closing prayer.

President Tracy Burge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.