

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408  
ALA minutes , 2023

Attendees: Connie Bise, Karen Chaput, Lesley Eliassen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Rhonda Hundley, Barb King, Pat Kitterman, Shonda Palmer, Jessie Stanislaw, Daniel McKelvey, Lindsey Fine(New Member) Guests: Mike Saindon and Steve Tackett and Don Clark, a multi-war Veteran.

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
  - Terry Gowen 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 in minutes were needed. - Minutes "Passed with the corrections" - Please remember all Meeting minutes will also be posted on the Legions Website.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jessie Stanislaw
  - The treasurer's report for the month of November was read
  - No Corrections noted:
  - Beg. Balance \$5414.44 Deposits=186.47 Checks=953.50
  - New Balance=\$4377.41
  - Earmarks = \$3578.50 Spendable Cash = 798.91
  - The report will be filed for audit.
  - Note that the last payment for the cups is done.

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 in - 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 also trying to start up the 2-3-4 wheel Tuesdays as a great fellowship time.

4) We need officers for the 23-24 year. Anna cannot do our VP position. We would possibly like to have 2 VP's to help out in case of issues like we had this month and having to postpone our meeting. We are also looking for a new Secretary as Connie Bise would like to step down. We need these by our March meeting. We will be voting on officers in our April 10th meeting and Swearing in at our May 8th meeting.

5) The SuperBowl party went great with 33 people here.

6) Haysville Chili cook-off is Saturday 2/18 and Steve Tackett is making the chili for our Post.

7) March 18th is the Legion Birthday Party. We are the hosts and it is coming up fast. Set Up is: 1:00 We have table service and decorations ready so should be very nice. The more help we have the easier it will be for all of us.

Social Hour: 3:00

Dinner 4:00

Please bring 2 side dishes to share. The Legion is Providing the Meat.

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.

#### New Business:

- 1) The lenders of our loan have graciously extended our loan again and we only have to pay interest for this year. Interest for the 12 months will be at 3%. Our share for the year is #390.00. Lesley suggested we pay the whole amount. Terry Gowen made the motion and Barb K. 2nd. It passed. This is a huge blessing to help and hopefully we have a good year with some income to start paying next year.
- 2) Feb. 21st is the next Legion Family meeting at 7:00 pm. We will be having Trash Can Nachos before the meeting. \$10.00 adults and \$5.00 for kids. Please come and support our Legion Family.
- 3) Feb. 22 is the BOG and PEC meetings and take place at 7:00 - All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- 4) March 4th is the Pancake Feed for the Derby Chamber. It is at the Austin room of the Derby City Building. They collect food for the Derby Food Pantry and Donate funds as well. They ask us to volunteer to cook and they provide the product. We do need to get sausage, syrup, butter and styrofoam. We will be reimbursed for our purchases. Pat motioned we go ahead and Barb 2nd. It passed.
- 5) No new business was brought.
- 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) May 5th the Haysville Saddle Club needs volunteers for an event. We need to make our presence known in Haysville a little more so this could be a great event.
- 8) We were called by Atwoods to do the HotDogs again so we are on the schedule for Saturday Sept. 16th. It is a fun and easy fundraiser.
- 9) July 8th is Operation Holiday Toy Run so keep that in your Calendars.
- 10) We will be doing peaches in September instead of August - Watch for details!
- 11) Please just watch the Website for any new and upcoming Events - Stay Connected!

Discussion of Department Newsletter. Reminded members to check website for updates

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.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:30