



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting April 2024.

At 7:00 pm April 4, 2024, a quorum was present of 14 Legion Members and 3 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain Michael Bulger 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:

Commander, Steve Tackett

1st Vice, Terry Gowen-present

2nd Vice, Hugh Clare-present

Adjutant, John McCullough-present

Finance Officer, Joe Dinino-present

Service Officer, John McCullough-present

Sgt. of Arms: Jim Eliason-present

Chaplain, Michael Bulger-present

Historian, Open

Executive Committee, Morris Short absent, Joe Williams absent, Dick Helzer present

Public Relations Officer: Mike Saindon-present

Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present

2. Introduction of guest and prospective members as read by Commander Tackett.

3. The March 2024 minutes meeting ready to be read.
  - Motion to accept the minutes Terry Marr;
  - 2nd by Barbara King; minutes approved; motion passed.
4. Finance report, Joe Dinino read report.
  - Motion to accept the Finance Report by Dale Dabney
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh Clare; motion passed
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
  - 1st Vice Commander Report: No report**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice POW/MIA Report:** Hugh Claire reported – attached
  - Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported membership numbers
  - Post Service Officer Report: No report**
  - Chaplain: Michael Bulger – No report**
  - Auxiliary: Leslie Eliassen – No report**
  - SAL: Mike Saindon** - reported membership at 94% and fundraiser activities coming next month. Next meeting 4/21/24, report attached
  - Legion Riders Report: No report**
  - BOG: Mike Saindon** reported on building update activities, BOG financial report, building occupancy, updates to Canteen, AVA in place; attached.
    - Motion to accept report Joe Dinino
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hinds; motion
  - Foundation: Rhonda Hundley** reported on donations and Post 408 Oratorical Candidate Kami Corbin won State and is moving on to National (Oratorical) May 13 at Hillsdale College.
  - Fundraising Committee: No report**
  - Public Relations: No report**
  - Children and Youth:** Dale Dabney reported Boy Scouts “chili feed” fund raiser went well. Thanks for allowing the use of the Post Banquet Hall,
    - Boys State**
    - Cadet Law**
    - Oratorical**
  - Golf:** No report
    - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports Joe Denino,
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Sherwood; motion passed.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Birthday Party Service Awards
    - i. Lori Hickle – Commander Recognition
    - ii. Dale Dabney – Commander Recognition
    - iii. Mike Brady – Legionnaire of Year Award 2024
  - b. Legion menu will be pulled pork, potato salad and baked beans
7. New Business:
  - a. Elections/nominations
    - i. Commander – Hugh Clare; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 single vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bulger; motion passed

- ii. Vice Commander – Lori Hickle; Hugh Clare; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 single vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hinds; motion passed
- iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander- Doug Sherwood; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hinds; motion passed
- iv. Adjutant – Mike Brady; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 single vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Lowery; motion passed
- v. Finance Officer – Joe Dinino; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 single vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara King; motion passed
- vi. Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Hohn; motion to “Rules be suspended and Adjutant to cast 1 single vote to accept nomination” Terry Marr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Sherwood; motion passed
- vii. All positions – accepted/ motion carried
- viii. Staff Judge Advocate Terry Marr read swearing in of new positions. Thank you to Command Steve Tackett

b. Joe Dinino suggested positions for appointments:

- i. Chaplain – Mike Bulger
- ii. Judge Advocate – Terry Marr
- iii. Service Officer – Dan McKelvey
- iv. Youth – Dale Dabney
- v. Public Relations – Mike Saindon

c. Motion to approve and accept all appointments – Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Marr; motion passed

- 8. Executive Committee next month – officers were nominated a March Meeting.
  - a. 2 elected members: Dick Helzer and Morris Short – motion passed
- 9. Legion next to meals suggested: Braats and kraut; Italian meal – winner is Italian spaghetti and meatballs.
- 10. Suggest moving AL meeting in July as it falls on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion to move to 7/18 Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hinds
- 11. Announcement regarding Honor Flight – now taking Vietnam Veterans – get with Lori Hinkle for applications
- 12. Reminder of Contractors Dinner the thank them for all of the help to get the Post open for business. May 4<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 pm.
- 13. Guest introduced himself – Claude from NY really appreciated attending this Post meeting. Lots of good information.
- 14. Commander Clare requested motion to adjourn – motion by Terry Marr. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Dinino. Motion passed, session closed @ 8:20 pm

## ATTACHMENTS

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