

American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting August 2023.

At 7:00 pm August 3, 2023, a quorum was present of 18 Legion Members and 6 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 1st 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 Claire-present Adjutant, John McCullough-excused Finance Officer, Joe Dinino-present Service Officer, John McCullough-excused Sgt. of Arms: Jim Eliason-present Chaplain, Michael Bulger/Mike Brady-present

Historian, Open

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

Public Relations Officer: Mike Saindon-present

Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- excused

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

- 3. The July minutes meeting ready to be read/posted. Motion to accept the minutes by Hugh Clare; 2nd by Mike Bulger; minutes approved, motion passed.
- 4. Finance report, Joe Dinino provided the report. Motion to accept the changes to Finance Report by Barbara King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Heinz, 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:** Mike Bulger reported membership numbers.

**Post Service Officer Report: No report** 

**Chaplain: Michael Bulger –** John McCullough had back surgery at VA and is doing well.

**Auxiliary:** Leslie Eliasen – Connie reported for Leslie, Bunco Shindig Friday 8/18, fund raiser.

**SAL: Mike Saindon** - reported membership; SAL/ALA Breakfast 8/20 get-together - report attached

**Legion Riders Report: Rhonda reported –** ALR Auction 10/14. Accepting donations.

**BOG: Mike Saindon** reported on update activities; Vice Chair – Terry Gowen has stepped down; presented Joe Dinino. Motion to approve Joe Dinino as BOG Vice-Chair, Pete Peterson, second by Barbara King. Motion approved. Finance report provided by Barbara King, attached. Hood report, need more sprinklers recommended by Pye Barker, cost: approx. \$14,000 for "knock out panel" (Fire Department). Parking Lot; roof shades. Temporary Occupancy Extension was approved (August 12, 23 to Oct 12, 23. Need plan for shadowbox fence around hood on roof. Brian LaCount said he would check on that. Canteen hours were updated: Tues – Thurs 3-7; Friday 3 -10; Sat 12 pm – 12 am. No Pets during business hours; no food to be brought into the building during business hours. New items added to the "wish list". Fund Raising by Post entities (6 wk rotation) i.e., Aug 1st - Sept 15th etc., likewise cleaning rotation schedule to following. Weekend mission to meet at Frosty's to clean out Post items. Next scheduled work weekend will be Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 9-3. **Fundraising Committee: Rhonda Hundley** reported – Pool Party/Haysville only half of the people came due to the heat, \$284 sold:

More 9/7/23. **Public Relations: Mike Saindon** reported –Sedgwick County is recognized as Purple Heart County – proclamation set for Monday 8/7/23 **Children and Youth**: No report.

Peach orders are down from last year, close orders by 8/20. Dogs &

Boys State Cadet Law Oratorical

**Golf:** No report **Parade:** No report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Hugh Clare, 2<sup>nd</sup> by

Mike Bulger, motion passed.

6. Old Business: Need ideas to make money for the Post.

## 7. New Business:

- a. Walk-in needs to be cleaned out. All foods stored in walk-in must be dated or it will be discarded.
- b. Legion Raffle: Mossburg 12g pump action tickets are available.
- 8. Items brought up for the "Good of Post 408" no items were brought up for discussion.
- 9. Motion to adjourn Mike Bulger proposed; 2<sup>nd</sup> by all. Motion passed.
- 10. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 8:10 pm.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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