



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting June 2023.

At 7:00 pm June 1 2023, 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 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-excused
 - 2nd Vice, Hugh Claire-present
 - Adjutant, John McCullough-present
 - Finance Officer, Joe Dinino-excused
 - Service Officer, John McCullough-present
 - Sgt. of Arms: Jim Eliason-present
 - Chaplain, Michael Bulger-present
 - Historian, Open
 - Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Joe Williams absent, Dick Helzer present
 - Public Relations Officer: Mike Saindon- excused
 - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- excused
2. Introduction of guest and prospective members as read by Commander Tackett.

3. The May minutes meeting ready to be read. Barbara made verbal correction as error was made with identifying Chaplain. Will make changes to correct names and resubmit. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Michael Bulger; 2nd by Barbara King; minutes approved, motion passed.

4. Finance report, Joe Dinino excused. Steve reported on changes due to “hood install: in progress, 3rd party fire monitoring and roof earmark. Request to move \$15,000 from earmark for roof to complete “fire bill” and Singleton ... Motion to accept the changes to Finance Report by John McCullough, 2nd by Morris Short. Motion passed

5. Officer and Committee Reports:

1st Vice Commander Report: No report

2nd Vice POW/MIA Report: Hugh Claire reported – attached

Adjutant report: John McCullough reported membership numbers

Post Service Officer Report: No report

Chaplain: Michael Bulger – Steve Hines was admitted to VA hospital, Barbara Bulger home from hospital. Commander Tacket reported Joe Dinino was out sick.

Auxiliary: Leslie Eliassen – No report

SAL: Mike Saindon - reported membership at 94% and fundraiser activities still ongoing. Next meeting 6/11/23, report attached

Legion Riders Report: No report

BOG: Mike Saindon reported on building update activities; attached. Plan is to have “soft open” 6/17/23 after the Golf Tournament. Continue to remind that Post will need volunteer “bar tenders and servers” who work for tips only”, updates attached. Discussion regarding “Veteran” organizations (i.e., Devil Dogs) to use the post for meetings – free. Events will still need to be rented. Jute box, ATM machine, and table-top game for bar area will be delivered 6/12/23. No need to take credit or debit going forward, customers can use the ATM machine. Also, 6/12/23 the City Inspector, Fire Marshal and 3rd Party Fire Monitoring will be on site to do a walk through. Wishlist has been updated, we need help with getting the Post ready to open. Terry Gowen is working on operational policies. Chief Leigh retirement party requested Post Members join, to be held at the Venue 11:30 – 1 pm

Foundation: No report

Fundraising Committee: Rhonda Hundley reported – Potato Bar Supper collected \$514 to include \$87 from 50/50 drawing – (donated by winner) with 10% to BOG \$51.00 and rest to Legion to replenish account. Next event is Smoke on the Plains 6/10-11/23, will need help loading up Friday and tending the booth both Friday and Saturday. (Friday 6:30 – 10:00 & Sat 2 sessions: 11:00 -3:00 and 6:00 – 10:00) Golf Tournament 6/17/23; 7/4 – Grilled Ham and Cheese after the parade; 7/6/23 Burger Burn prior to the Legion meeting; 7/29 Haysville Pool Party (6:30 – 9:30 with 5:00pm meeting at the post to load up); 8/8 Taco Bar; Sometime September we will be selling peaches (tbd); 9/16 Atwoods Hot Dog feed; 10/7 Cash Savers; 11/4 Pancake Feed; 12/12 ALR Childrens Christmas Party; 12/16 Legion Christmas Party. Notes attached.

Public Relations: Mike Saindon reported –Mike Brady organized “military honors” next Wizards, basketball game 6/4 @ 2 pm Steve

Tackett has tickets while they last. Active duty and veterans get in free.
Post members also get in free.

Children and Youth: No report.

Boys State

Cadet Law

Oratorical

Golf: No report

Parade: Biker's first

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Hugh Claire, 2nd by
Doug Sherwood, motion passed.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Post will have budget in the red starting out. Post will need money to stock the bar. Motion to transfer \$15,000 from Roof to General Fund – Hugh Claire, 2nd by John McCullough. Discussion: can the post open with just beer? Recommendation was “no”, there will be limited liquor with less expensive product to start. Liquor License is active.

8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” no items were brought up for discussion.

9. Motion to close the business session – Hugh Claire; 2nd by all. Motion passed

10. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 7:42 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

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