



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting May 2023.

At 7:00 pm 4 May 2023 a quorum was present of 20 Legion Members and 5 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain Morris Short 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:
  - 1st Vice, Terry Gowen-present
  - 2nd Vice, Hugh Claire-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 excused, Joe Williams absent, Dick Helzer present
  - Public Relations Officer: Mike Saindon- excused
  - Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- present
2. Introduction of guest and prospective members as read by Commander Tackett.

3. The April minutes meeting ready to be read. Motion to forego the reading of the minutes was presented by Joe Dinino; 2nd by Michael Bulger; minutes approved, motion passed.
4. Finance report was read by Joe Dinino. Motion to accept the April's Finance Report by Dick Helzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dayle Dabney. Motion passed,
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
  - 1st Vice Commander Report:** John McCullough reported membership at 235 renewal for 92.52%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice POW/MIA Report:** Hugh Claire reported – attached
  - Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Topeka June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> need names of participants asap
  - Post Service Officer Report:** No report
  - Chaplain: Morris Short** – Barbara Bulger reported thyroid cancer, keep her in prayers
  - Auxiliary: Leslie Eliassen** – reported membership and fundraiser activities. Next Legion meeting 6/1/23 Potato Bar prior to meeting. Auxillary meeting scheduled for 5/8/23 at 7:00 pm. Meeting minutes posted on website
  - SAL: Mike Saindon** - reported membership at 94% and fundraiser activities. Next meeting 5/7/23
  - Legion Riders Report:** No report
  - BOG: Mike Saindon** reported on building update activities; attached. Discussed proposed operating hours along with business policies; no “therapy animals” only “service animals”. Will need volunteer “bar tenders and servers” who work for tips only”
  - Foundation: Rhonda Hundley** reported Dillons donations/Community rewards – please consider if you shop at Dillons – “I Give” has over 100 participating stores.
  - Fundraising Committee: Rhonda Hundley** reported – Mexican Supper collected \$615 (\$142 for 50/50 drawing was added – donated by winner) with 10% to BOG and rest to Hood Installation.
  - Public Relations: Mike Saindon** reported – May 8<sup>th</sup> City of Haysville “Purple Heart City” proclamation with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 5/15/23 @ Haysville VFW. Mike Brady organized “military honors” next Wizards basketball game 6/4 @ 2 pm. Post 408 members along with activity duty/retirees get in free.
  - Children and Youth:** No report.
    - Boys State**
    - Cadet Law**
    - Oratorical**
  - Golf:** Joe Dinino reported Golf Tournament (day before Father's Day); 20 teams, can enter 8 more. Tournament scheduled for 6/17/23 @ Derby Golf Course. Lunch – need volunteers: pulled pork sandwiches/beer. Question was asked: where will the funds go – response was split to Post 408 member groups that support the event.
  - Parade:** No Report
  - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Morris Short, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Lawry, approved.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Terry Marr – issue to vote Executive Session – Individual transfer out of membership due to “stolen valor”. Transfer membership to State Legion Headquarters Post. Motion made by Terry Marr second by Pete Peterson
- b. Joe Hicks – 5<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander proposed “corn hole tournament” participation – no discussion at this time

8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408”

- a. Appointment: additional chaplain – Mike Brady
- b. Fundraising: Rhonda/Pat
- c. Judge: Terry Marr

**Motion to approve:** Doug Sherwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Lowrey. Motion passed

9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2<sup>nd</sup> by all. Motion passed

10. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 7:55 pm.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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