



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting September 2023.

At 7:00 pm Sept 7, 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 Clare-present
Adjutant, John McCullough-excused
Finance Officer, Joe Dinino-present
Service Officer, John McCullough-present
Sgt. of Arms: Jim Eliason-present
Chaplain, Michael Bulger/Mike Brady-present
Historian, Open
Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Joe Williams excused, 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 August minutes meeting ready to be read/posted. Motion to accept the minutes by Mike Bulger, second by Dale Dabney ; minutes approved, motion passed.
4. Finance report, Joe Dinino provided the report. Motion to accept Finance Report by Terry Marr, 2nd by Steve Heinz, motion passed.
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice Commander Report: No report**
 - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Hugh Clare reported – attached
 - Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported membership numbers.
 - Post Service Officer Report:** Dan McKelvey asked if there is any way to get into about members deployed and whether the Post would be interested in sending “care packages” Discussion – motion to set aside fund/earmark for \$200 – proposed by Hugh Clare; second by Dale Dabney.
 - Chaplain: Michael Bulger** – Received card from Soldan family; Rosetta in hospital in CICU.
 - Auxiliary: Leslie Eliassen** – No Report
 - SAL: Mike Saindon** – No Report
 - Legion Riders Report: Rhonda reported** – ALR Auction 10/14. Accepting donations.
 - BOG:** Finance report provided by Barbara King, attached. Hood has been paid. Joe Denino reported Post will need to install a “knock out panel” (Fire Department), approx. \$14,000. 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. Fund Raising by Post entities (6 wk rotation) i.e., Aug 1st – Sept 15th etc., likewise cleaning rotation schedule to following.
 - Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda Hundley reported Peach sales – will need help with distributing once they come in. **Pat Kitterman** - reported the Foundation is applying for a grant for the repairs to the Post roof. Request was made for a cooling vest to go under the bullet vest for Jax also, for Post to consider the canine unit for Haysville, to purchase vests.
 - Public Relations: Mike Saindon** reported –Sedgwick County is recognized as Purple Heart County – proclamation set for Monday 8/7/23
 - Children and Youth:** Dale Dabney reported.
 - Boys State**
 - Cadet Law**
 - Oratorical**
 - Golf:** No report
 - Parade:** No report. Veterans Day Parade is being coordinated this year by Post 4. Turkey Run and Operation Holiday was also brought up.
 - Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Hugh Clare, 2nd by Mike Bulger, motion passed.
6. Old Business: Request was made by Haysville to see about street banners from Post Discussion about Post Clean Up day for September. Does Legion want to do a Burger Burn – proposed by Commander.

7. New Business:
 - a. National Convention – New Command Leaders were selected. Post 408 has been selected to host the National Commander dinner 9/18/23. Post needs to invite local dignitaries. Time too short to get RSVP
 - b. Dues will increase \$5 2024 (1 July)
 - c. National Convention next year has been selected for New Orleans 2025.
 - d. Need to think about changing wording in By-Laws to exclude individuals who are convicted of criminal offenses – i.e., sex offenders, child abuse etc.
8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” no items were brought up for discussion.
9. Motion to adjourn – Hugh Claire proposed; 2nd by all. Motion passed.
10. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 8:15 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

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