

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Lori Ohmes, Rhonda Hundley, Kimberley Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Coni Honn, Tracy Burge, Ami Amason, and Tammy Halloran

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING!!!!

OPENING:

- Call to Order (3 raps) With colors already in place hand salute
 - *The meeting will come to order.
- Opening Prayer led by our Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen, followed by a Moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - * The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Gowen.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Auxiliary.
 - *Led by Lesley Eliassen
- President Lesley Eliassen declared Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:01 pm.

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
 - *The minutes of last month's meeting were emailed and reviewed, by Members. President Lesley Eliassen presented a correction: Tracy Kinnick is running for State President not District President.
 - *All vote to accept minutes from March 11, 2024.
All in favor. Motion carried.
 - * The report will be filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Financial Report read and shared copies by Rhonda Hundley.
- Bills to be paid at this time are a reimbursement to Kimberley Johnson for Sam's receipt . Lesley entertained a motion to pay the bills. Connie Fox-Gowen made a motion to pay bills. Tracy Burge second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- All financials balance!!!!

- The report will be reconciled and filed for audit.

Fundraisers:

- 1) The cup fundraiser is ongoing: colored or black and white. Barbara King made a motion to lower the price of these cups to \$15.00.
- 2) They can be purchased at the post meetings or on the website for \$15.00 each. We hope to sell them at any upcoming events.
- 3) We have a few red GI t-shirts left \$10.00 ea.
- 4) ALA Coins are available for \$10.00 ea.
- 5) SAL still has the kitchen wares fundraiser going.
- 6) ALR Coins are still available for \$10.00 each. They are also selling "Support Our Troops" signs for \$5.00 ea.
- 7) Fundraising committee is selling RED Friday bags for \$15.00 each. The regular bag is \$15.00 or you can purchase one with a zipper for \$20.00.
- 8) Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Saturday at 7:30pm in the Canteen.
- 9) ALA is having a fundraiser starting March 16, 2024. We will be taking pre-orders with payment for enchiladas, burritos, and cookies until April 16, 2024. These are products being cooked for pick up on April 2, 2024 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Burritos and enchiladas with meat are \$25.00 per dozen. Without meat are \$20.00 per dozen. Cookies are \$15.00 per dozen. Again, pick up is April 27, 2024 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm in the canteen.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Come on down on Saturday evenings @7:30pm for your chance to win The Queen Of Hearts!!!
- BUNCO SHINDIGS the 2nd Friday of every month starting. Doors open at 5:30pm dice roll at 6:00pm. \$20.00 entry fee. PLEASE BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, AND SIBLINGS TO PLAY!!
- MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY
- We need to grow this Shindig!!! This is ALA's major fundraiser. Please bring any items that you would like to donate for the prizes.
- Our April Burger Burn was a success. We had a great turn out of volunteers and patrons.
- March BUNCO was super fun! We had a great turn out! We had 3 new players (2 were guys) and they all had a great time and will be returning to play again! This is a fun game! Easy to learn and we add new people every month! It's an

amazing fundraiser and we should continue growing this event! Please share with friends and family!

New Business:

1. NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS: Current President Lesley Eliassen nominates Tracy Burge for President. Lesley Eliassen nominates our current Vice President Kimberley Johnson to continue in this position. Kimberley Johnson nominates our current Secretary, Shonda Palmer to continue in this position. Kimberley Johnson nominates Lesley Eliassen for the Treasurer's position. Anna Simpson Nominates Rhonda Hundley for this position. Connie Fox-Gowen is nominated to continue in our Chaplain position. Shonda Palmer nominates Lori Ohmes to continue in our Sgt @ Arms position. Historian position remains open.
2. There are up to 19 positions open.
3. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET** if your membership is not paid you can not vote!! Please pay your 2024 membership dues!!!
4. **PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ID CARD WITH YOU TO THE POST!!! YOU WILL NOT BE SERVED IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT!!! YOU MAY TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR ID WITH YOUR PHONE AND THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**
THANK YOU!!!!
5. Time to start thinking about Officers for 2024-2025. If you are interested in holding a position please let an ALA Officer know!!! First vote is in March, second vote in April, Officers are sworn in May.
6. Please start tracking your hours and mileage for volunteering. This is for reports to the State concerning our delegate numbers for voting.
7. Fundraiser for ALA begins on March 16, 2024. Burritos, enchiladas, and cookies.
8. Our turn as the AUX for cleaning the post starts March 15, 2024. IT GOES FOR 6 WEEKS!!! Tracy Burge and her cleaning crew have agreed to clean once a week at no charge for the ALA. Thank you so very much for everything you do for our post!!!
9. 5th District Annual Meeting was held at our post! Auxiliary learned a lot about rules and regulations for the American Legion. We won a \$20.00 gift for 100% membership. We also received a check from the 5th District for hosting. This event went very well! Very good feed back from all entities! Thank you so much to everyone that made this event such a success!
10. Tracy Kinnick is running for State President. If she is elected she would like our unit to host her luncheon (in September 2024).

11. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING!!!! WE MUST PROTECT OUR BARTENDERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND OUR ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT!!!!
12. BUNCO THIS Friday April 12, 2024!!! Please come support our Auxiliary!!!!
13. PLEASE SELL OUR ENCHILADAS AND BURRITOS AND COOKIES!!!
ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 16, 2024. DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ON SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024 FROM 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
14. We have 3 Campus Highschool ladies are needing sponsored for Girls State (spend a week in Topeka learning our Kansas Legislature) the cost is \$400.00 per student. Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion for us to come up with the funds for two of these ladies and reach out to other units in our district to help sponsor the third gal. Coni Honn made a motion to sponsor these ladies for Girls State. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion to challenge each entity to match a \$1,000.00 for an A/C unit for our Canteen. Tammy Halloran made a motion to challenge each entity. Coni Honn second motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Lori Ohmes brought up a fundraiser during Smoke On The Plains. Car Show: Hot wheels for Hot Meals. This is a fundraiser to raise money for USD 260 (Derby) students. This event is for hot meals (Feed a Hungry Child Program) during the summer months. Lesley Eliassen will bring this to our main meeting and present it to our members to maybe come up with something to donate.
17. Discussion on visiting other units in our district to support them and hopefully they will visit our post as well.. Andover has Bingo and Maize does something.
18. If you have any occasion cards (birthday, get well, congrats) that you would like to donate for us to have to send out as needed that would be awesome!
19. Contact Tracy Burge if you would like to purchase Thirty-one bags to benefit our Auxiliary. Sale ends at the end of May 2024.

Fundraising Report:

1. There are 3 different Military support logo T-shirts size XL for \$20.00 ea. available for purchase.
2. Queen of Hearts every Saturday evening at 7:30 followed by Karaoke at 8:00 pm.
3. Volunteer T-shirts \$21.60 ea.
4. Smoke on Plains is coming up, June 7 & 8, 2024. Please contact Rhonda Hundley to volunteer for this event.
5. Next Fundraising meeting is April 22, 2024 at 6:00pm. We need to come up with something (food) to sell at The Smoke On The Plains. There will be another meeting in May to follow up.

ALR Report:

1. SAL/ALA Breakfast third Sunday of the month. Sunday April 21, 2024 from 8:00-11:00 am.
2. Brian Simpson will be chairing this event. Please contact him to volunteer for this event.
3. Poker Run for Operation Holiday Saturday July 13, 2024. Cher Clare will be chairing this huge event. WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!!! Please reach out to Cher tele: 316-644-3938 or email cher.r.clare@gmail.com.
4. Monday May 6, 2024 Operation Holiday Poker Run Meeting at 6:00 pm. Looking for volunteers and donations for our silent auction. Please contact Cher Clare for details and to sign up for this fun event!
5. Entry Fee for Toy Run with a toy by July 1, 2024 is \$20.00 without a toy by July 1 is \$30.00. Day of registration rider fee with a toy is \$25.00 day of without a toy is \$35.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday evenings is Queen of Hearts in the Canteen at 7:30 pm. Karaoke from 8:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Thursday April 11, 2024 Pulled Pork for dinner.
- Friday April 12, 2024 BUNCO. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 DICE ROLL AT 6:00.
- Wednesday April 17, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday April 18, 2024 Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm. Painting Displayed.
- Saturday April 20, 2024 AMVET Meeting at 3:00pm.
- Saturday April 20, 2024 BAND NIGHT 6:00 - ?.
- Sunday April 21, 2024 SAL/ALA Breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Following our Sunday breakfasts will be a short, non denominational church service in the meeting hall at 11:15 am. SAL meeting at 1:00pm.
- Monday April 22, 2024 Fundraising meeting at 6:00 pm followed by Foundation Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday April 23, 2024 BOG Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday April 24, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday April 25, 2024 VA REP 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
- Thursday April 25, 2024 Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Followed by a PEC meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday April 27, 2024 STEAK / CHICKEN NIGHT 5:30- 7:00. Please contact Barbara King for more details.
- Karaoke every Saturday Night 8:00-11:00 pm.
- Next Auxiliary Meeting is Monday May 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

- Next Auxiliary Burger Burn is May 2, 2024 5:00 to 7:00 pm or until sold out.
- BUNCO May 10, 2024 doors open at 5:30 pm dice roll at 6:90 pm.
- Post 408 Family Meeting is May 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

THE CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!!!

OTHER BUSINESS:

REMINDER:. Next Auxiliary Meeting is Monday May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm. **PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING!**

Please review all fundraisers available from all of the entities of our Legion Family. They can also be viewed on the website.

Minutes can also be found on the American Legion Post 408 website.

President Lesley Eliassen called to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, all in favor, motion carried.

(3raps)

Our Chaplain, Connie Fox-Gowen, led us in prayer for peace.

Until we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state, and nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and it's members. Let us ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swere us from that path of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

Colors already in place, Hand Salute.

President Lesley Eliassen declared the meeting of Derby- Haysville Unit 408, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas, adjourned. @ 8:04pm.