

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA minutes December 9, 2023

Attendees: Ellen Austin, Connie Bise, Lori Ebenhack, Lesley Eliassen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Rhonda Hundley, Barb King, Shonda Palmer, Anna Simpson, Brian Simpson, Jessie Stanislaw, Rosetta Sullivan, Gina Cleverly, Carla Pike (New), Daniel McKelvey (New) & Mike Saindon.

Opening:

- Call to Order (3 raps) With colors already in place hand salute
 - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Lesley Eliassen
 - Opening Prayer was done by Connie Fox-Gowen and then moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Anna Simpson led the pledge of allegiance.
- Preamble - Led by Leslie Eliassen

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
 - The minutes of the October meeting were emailed and reviewed, no corrections were needed. - Minutes "Passed" - Moving forward, all Meeting minutes will also be posted on the Legions Website.
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jessie Stanislaw
 - The treasurer's report for the month of October was read
 - No Corrections noted:
 - Beg. Balance \$4940.22 Deposits=453.97 Checks=360.75 New Balance=5033.22
Earmarks = 3703.50 Spendable Cash = 1329.72
 - The report will be filed for audit.
 - Motion for a review of our Earmarks was by Barb King & 2nd by Rhonda, Passed.
 - Lori E. motioned we move the \$200 going into the Tax fund be moved to the Building Fund. 2nd by Rhonda - Discussion, Taxes last year were \$195.00, Passed
 - Rhonda motioned be cut the amount in Girls state by half, making it \$325 instead of \$650. Anna 2nd. Discussion - Questions about when we have used this and how much is needed. Passed.
 - Reminder that our loan payments start April 1st.

Old Business:

1) Cup Fundraiser is ongoing - Selling them for \$25.00 each. We bought 100 of them (75 color & 25 BI/White) We have sold about 30 of them. They can be bought at the post meetings or on the website. We have 70 left. We have not made enough to cover what was borrowed to pay for the cups. We paid 1800.00 for them so our cost was \$18.00 each. You can check out the cups to sell them.

2) Mindy Saindon-King is the WebMaster for our Post. She is doing an awesome job so please make sure to check out the website.

** It is: www.americanlegionfamilypost408.org

- 3) The Christmas Party turned out great and everyone had a great time.
- 4) Frostbite Ride on Jan 1st was an awesome success.
- 5) BOG - We selected Barb King as our 3 year person to serve on the BOG. The 3 year member for the SAL is Bryan LaCount and from the Legion is Hugh Claire.
- 6) We collected 989# of Food for the Derby and Haysville Food Pantries.

New Business:

1) Mike Saindon - We will have 2 venues to rent out from the post. Each group must make sure to put all meetings on the books or could potentially not have a place to meet. Right now the auxiliary has our meetings for the year in the books. We did change the date of our February meeting to the 6th due to some scheduling conflicts. Brian Simpson made a motion that we change the date, Anna Simpson 2nd and it passed. We also discussed possibly moving the December meeting and then to make sure it gets posted in the books with the new date.

2) The SAL still has an OnLine Fundraiser is ongoing - Kitchen Items. It is on the Website. Please check it out and consider ordering something for the post or yourself.

3) SAL gun Raffle is ongoing - They still have 3 full packets and hope to have them sold to Possibly Draw at the Birthday Party. \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

4) ALR Coins are in - They are \$10.00 each. They are also selling RED Friday bags, \$15 regular bag and \$20 for a zippered bag. They also have "Support Our Troops" signs for \$5 each. They are also trying to start up the 2-3-4 wheel Tuesdays as a great fellowship time.

5) New officers will be Nominated in April and we will vote and swear them in May. Please be thinking of people to be nominated or if you would like to serve let someone know where you can help.

6) Wreaths across America is a great program but they were short quite a few this year so they are offering our post a very special deal. Normally we buy 2, Get 1 Free but they are offering until Jan 14th if you Buy 2, you will get 3 Free. Please get on the website and help support this great offer.

7) February 18th we are Doing the Chili Cookoff at the Haysville Senior Center. It is also a Craft Fair so please come and support the Legion Family Post 408.

8) February 12th is the Super Bowl Party - Time is TBD. Come bring a snack to share and enjoy Soup Provided by the Post and have a fun time watching the Super Bowl and Commercials.

11) March 18th is the Legion Birthday Party - Sep Up is at 1:00, Social Hour is at 3:00, Dinner at 4:00. It will be here at the Post and we are providing the Meat and Table Service. Please come and bring 2 sides to share. Our guest speaker is Russ Kessler, Mayor of Haysville and member of our Post.

12) The Post Family Meeting is January 17th at 6:30. Please come and support our Post Family and maybe meet a few more people from our Post.

Discussion of Department Newsletter. Reminded members to check website for updates

Membership

- We are at 71%
- 2 New Members: Carla Pike & Daniel McKelvey
- Please, if you know someone that is a member of our unit, please remind them
- to pay their dues.

Other Business

- 1) We need to discuss when we might start doing the Breakfasts again - SAL and ALA doing it as a combined effort.
 - 2) The goal is to open the Post by February 15th. Sherwin Williams is donating the materials for the floor in the North Building. We are waiting results of the tests being done on our floors. It will cost us \$5000 for the work to be done. Works continues on Saturday and Sundays from 9:00-3:00. Any help is greatly appreciated.
 - 3) We are doing a memorial Service on Saturday, Jan. 14th. It will be approx. 70 people. We will be setting up on Friday.
- Next Auxiliary Meeting. February 6th.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:30
