

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Lori Ohmes, Rhonda Hundley, Kimberley Johnson, Verona Hilderbrand, Barbara King, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Sharon Huddleston, Coni Honn, Jeanene Holl, Karon Watson, Brian Simpson, Anna Simpson, and Tracy Burge

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 Brian Simpson.
- 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 7:00 pm.

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
 - *The minutes of last month's meeting were emailed and reviewed, by Members. No corrections.
 - *All vote to accept minutes from January, 2024.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - * The report will be filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Financial Report read by Rhonda Hundley. Continuing to reconcile a slight discrepancy. Barbara King made a motion to accept the report as read. Brian Simpson second. Motion carried.
- Bills to be paid at this time are a Per Capita Tax which is paid per member, per year. Also, make our donation to the Juniors Fund. Barbara King made a motion to pay the bills. Anna Simpson second. Motion carried.

- *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 \$20.00 Lori Ebenhack made a motion to lower the price to \$15.00, Lori Ohmes second, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 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.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- As of Saturday, February 10, 2024 the Queen Of Hearts had not been won. Come on down on Saturday evenings @7:30pm for your chance to win!!!
- SAL/ALA BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024. Please sign up to volunteer!
- 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.

New Business:

1. Thursday March 7, 2024 is our next ALA Burger Burn!! Please contact Lesley Eliassen to volunteer.
2. Volunteers are needed for our Sunday breakfast! Please reach out to Brian Simpson @ 316-304-4046(cell:call or text) or simpsy408@gmail.com or reach out to Lori Ebenhack @ lebenhack63@gmail.com.
3. Following our SAL/ALA Sunday Breakfast, Mike Bulger will hold a non denominational church service in the meeting hall until noon. Please join us!!

4. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET** if your membership is not paid you can not vote!!
Please pay your 2024 membership dues!!!
5. **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 IF YOUR ID WITH YOUR PHONE AND THAT
WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!
THANK YOU!!!!
6. 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 next month, March, second vote in April, Officers are sworn in May.
7. Next fundraiser for ALA begins in March. Please bring your ideas to the February meeting!
8. Our turn as the AUX for cleaning the post starts March 15, 2024. IT GOES FOR 6 WEEKS!!! We really need to clean the post at least 2x a week! This includes: emptying trash, cleaning bathrooms, mopping bathrooms, and the main hallway. If you can do some of the duties but not all of them please consider teaming up with another AUX member to make it possible. The last time we were responsible for cleaning the post, very few people signed up to help. We have over 80 current members. **PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP!!!!** 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!!! We appreciate you!!!!
9. Brian Simpson (ALR) brought an idea, to create an earmark for funds to hire someone to clean regularly. Anna Simpson made a motion to table this discussion for the month of February and readdress in the future. Barbara King second the motion. Motion carried.
10. January Breakfast..... we had one ALA Member show up to volunteer. Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion, Anna Simpson made the motion to donate funds, earned from the one volunteer, to SAL. Rhonda Hundley second. Motion carried.
11. BREAKFAST This Sunday February 18, 2024. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING!!!! WE MUST PROTECT OUR BARTENDERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND OUR ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT!!!!
12. BUNCO Friday March 8, 2024. Lesley entertained a motion to use earmarked funds (for snacks, prizes, supplies) to be used for the purchase of a laptop/tablet to be used by ALA. Brian Simpson made the motion. Coni Honn second. Motion carried.
13. Camilla Corbin was the winner of the Oratorical that was held in January at the post. Rhonda Hundley made a motion to pay her dues for the 2024 year. Barbara King second. Motion carried.

14. Kansas bus tour for President and Vice of Auxiliary visit each post. Asking for donations for snacks of \$30.00. Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion for the donation. Anna Simpson made the motion. Lori Ohmes second. Motion carried.

Fundraising Report:

1. There are 3 different Military support logo T-shirts size XL for \$20.00 ea. available for purchase.
2. Saturday March 2, 2024 Drive- thru or Dine-in Chamber pancake feed. Set up at 7:00am. Serve 8:00-10:30am the cost is \$5.00. Reach out to Rhonda Hundley to volunteer for this event.
3. Monday February 19, 2024 Fundraising meeting at 6:00pm.
4. Queen of Hearts every Saturday evening at 7:30 pm in the Canteen.
5. Karaoke every Saturday evening following the Queen of Hearts from 8:00-11:00pm.
6. Please check the Legion Website for other fundraisers.

ALR Report:

1. SAL/ALA Breakfast third Sunday of the month. Sunday February 18, 2024 from 8:00-11:00 am.
2. Brian Simpson and Lori Ebenhack will be chairing this event. Please sign up to help out!!! WE NEED MORE ALA MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER!!
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday February 17, 2024 Chili Cook Off at the Haysville Senior Center from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Our Commander Steve Tacket will be cooking it up for the contest!! Come out and support this fun event!! Queen of Hearts in the Canteen at 7:30 pm. Karaoke from 8:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Sunday February 18, 2024 SAL/ALA Breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 am. Church Service in the meeting hall at 11:15 to noon. SAL Meeting at 1:00pm.
- Monday February 19, 2024 Flags at the V.A. at 6:30am.
- Monday February 19, 2024 Fundraising Meeting at 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday February 21, 2024 SAL Poker. Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm.
- Thursday February 22, 2024 ALR will be cooking dinner at 5:00 to 7:00pm.
- Saturday February 24, 2024 is a Post Work Day 9:00am to 3:00pm. Queen of Hearts at 7:30pm. Kareoke 8:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Monday February 26, 2024 Foundation Meeting at 7:00pm.

- Tuesday February 27, 2024 BOG Meeting at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday February 28, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday February 29, 2024 SAL cooking dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm.
- Saturday March 2, 2024 Drive- thru or Dine-in Pancake Feed for the Food Pantry.
- Wednesday March 6, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30pm.
- Thursday March 7, 2024 ALA will be cooking dinner 5:00 to 7:00pm.
- Friday March 8, 2024 BUNCO doors open at 5:30pm Dice roll at 6:00pm.
- Saturday March 9, 2024 Queen of Hearts at 7:30pm. Karaoke 8:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Friday March 15, 2024 ALA starts cleaning the post for 6 weeks (April 26).
- Saturday March 16, 2024 American Legion Birthday Party. Queen of Hearts at 7:30pm. Karaoke 8:00 to 11:00 pm.
- Friday April 5, 2024 **AND** Saturday April 6, 2024 our post will be hosting the District 5 meeting. Will need to have volunteers for registration and to take money for the ALA. I know we had 3 people say they would help with registration. Meet and greet is at 5:00 pm - whenever on the 5th. Will be a BBQ Buffet Saturday afternoon (\$15.00 per person). We still need many volunteers for this event!

REMINDER:. Next Auxiliary Meeting is Monday March 11, 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 7:45 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. @ 7:45 pm.