

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

ATTENDEES:

Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Lori Ohmes, Rhonda Hundley, Kimberley Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Verona Hilderbrand, Pat Kitterman, Lindsay Fine, Lori Ebenhack, Mike Saindon, Barbara King, Connie Fox-Gowen, New Member Wanda J Dailey welcome! Terry Bowen, Amy McDermott, Sharon Huddleston, Guest, Commander Steve Racket, and Coni Honn

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 Lori Ohmes.
- 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.
  - \*Lori Ebenhack made a motion to accept minutes from December 2023. Lori Ohmes second, all in favor. Motion carried.
  - \* The report will be filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: ALA President Lesley Eliassen passed a copy of the report for members to review. Our monthly financial reports have been brought up to date. August 2023 was amended, November and December were created with some additions to the check register that had not been recorded. As of December 31,

2023 the bank account, financial reports, and the minutes all match up!!! Thank you to Pat Kitterman for helping!

\* No bills to be paid at this time.

A receipt has been presented by Shonda Palmer for the purchase of totes to store toys and Christmas items.

President Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion to reimburse the purchase.

Barbara King made the motion to reimburse Shonda for the purchase, Terry Gowen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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#### 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) The ALR is also selling raffle tickets for an 8 burner propane grill. Please see Rhonda Hundley, Steve Racket, or the Canteen to purchase these tickets.
- 8) 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. Stripes can also be purchased for the Donor Flag.
- 9) Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Saturday at 7:30pm in the Canteen.
- 10) Still a few spots on the donor flag at the Canteen entrance available for purchase. Please contact Mike Saindon at 316-993-6416 or email at [mjsaindon@gmail.com](mailto:mjsaindon@gmail.com).

#### Unfinished/Old Business:

- As of Saturday, January 6, 2024 the Queen Of Hearts had not been won. Come on down on Saturday evenings @7:30pm for your chance to win!!!
- SAL/ALA January, Sunday Breakfast will return on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting January 21, 2024.
- Nomination and voting on a new representative for the foundation. President Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion to nominate Coni Honn for this three year position. Barbara King made a motion for Coni Honn to fill this position. Pat

Kitterman second. All in favor. Motion carried. THANK YOU SO MUCH CONI!!!  
Also needing a second Sergeant at Arms.

- We will resume our BUNCO SHINDIGS the 2nd Friday of every month starting January 12, 2024. Doors open at 5:30pm dice roll at 6:00pm. 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. Rhonda Hundley has agreed to step into the role of Finance Officer for the remainder of this term. Lesley Eliassen has entertained a motion for Rhonda to take this position. Wanda Dailey made the motion and Barbara King second. All in favor. Motion carried. THANK YOU RHONDA!!!
2. The Burger Burn went great! Thank you to everyone that came and helped! We had a great volunteer turn out! Always better to have extra hands than not enough.
3. Thursday February 1, 2024 is our next ALA Burger Burn. Please put this on your calendar and watch for emails requesting help!!
4. Sunday January 21, 2024 is our next SAL/ALA breakfast. Lesley Eliassen entertained a motion to make our menu smaller and easier to grow our community participation. Barbara King made a motion to offer pancakes or biscuits with gravy and 2 pieces of meat for \$6.00 or all you can eat pancakes/biscuits with gravy and 4 pieces of meat for \$10.00. Wanda Dailey second. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Volunteers are needed for this breakfast! Please reach out to Brian Simpson @ 316-304-4046( cell:call or text) or [simpsy408@gmail.com](mailto:simpsy408@gmail.com) or reach out to Lori Ebenhack @ [lebenhack63@gmail.com](mailto:lebenhack63@gmail.com).
6. This Friday January 12, 2024 is the start up for BUNCO!!! Please come and invite your friends! Doors open at 5:30pm and dice roll at 6:00 pm. Must be 21!
7. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET** if your membership is not paid you can not vote!! Please pay your 2024 membership dues!!!
8. **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!!!!**
9. ALAMIS is the National Auxiliary membership website. To use this website we pay yearly fees and it is time to renew our access. President Lesley Eliassen

entertained a motion to a new access they are offering that, Vice President and in charge of membership, Kimberley Johnson, can input our information instead of having to send it to the state. That being said, as long as it is not against our by-laws, we will need to get a debit card for the Auxiliary checking account to pay online the fees which are \$10.00 for access to look only and \$30.00 to update and edit information. Motion made to pay \$40.00 to ALAMIS for this access by Lori Ebenhack second by Barbara King, Lori Ebenhack, Pat Kitterman, and Wanda Dailey. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Time to start thinking about Officers for 2024-2025. If you are interested in holding a position please let an ALA Officer know!!!
11. Next fundraiser for ALA begins in March. Please bring your ideas to the February meeting!
12. 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 there were 5 people who signed up to help. We have over 80 current members. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THIS 5 INDIVIDUALS!!!!**  
**Will have a sign up sheet at the February meeting. PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP!!!!**

#### Fundraising Report:

1. There are 3 different Military support logo T-shirts size XL for \$20.00 ea. available for purchase.
2. ALR is currently selling raffle tickets for an 8 burner propane grill. Please contact Rhonda Hundley, Steve Tacket, or visit the Canteen for purchase of these tickets.
3. Queen of Hearts every Saturday evening at 7:30 pm in the Canteen.
4. Karaoke every Saturday evening following the Queen of Hearts from 8:00-11:00pm.
5. Please check the Legion Website for other fundraisers.

#### ALR Report:

1. SAL/ALA Breakfast third Sunday of the month. WILL RESUME Sunday January 21, 2024.
2. Brian Simpson and Lori Ebenhack will be chairing this event. Please sign up to help out!!!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday January 10, 2024 SAL Poker. Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm.
- Thursday January 11, 2024 Family Meeting at 7:00pm. **PLEASE ATTEND!**
- Friday January 12, 2024 BUNCO doors open at 5:30pm dice roll at 6:00pm.
- Saturday January 13, 2024 Queen of Hearts at 7:30 pm followed by Karaoke at 8:00 - 11:00 pm.
- Sunday January 21, 2024 SAL/AUX Breakfast. Please contact Brian Simpson or Lori Ebenhack to help out!
- Sunday January 21, 2024 SAL meeting at 1:00pm. Following breakfast.
- Monday January 22, 2024 Foundation meeting at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday January 23, 2024 BOG meeting. Not an open meeting.
- Thursday January 25, 2024 PEC meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday January 27, 2024 Oratorical. We will provide a continental breakfast of doughnuts, water, and coffee. Will need many volunteers for this event.
- Friday February 9, 2024 BUNCO. Doors open at 5:30 pm dice roll at 6:00 pm.
- Saturday February 17, 2024 from 11am to 2:00 pm Haysville Chili Cook-Off at the Haysville Senior Center. Our Commander Steve Tacket will be participating.  
**PLEASE COME SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR OUR COMMANDER!**
- Saturday March 2, 2024 Drive- thru or Dine-in Pancake Feed for the Food Pantry.
- Friday March 15, 2024 ALA starts cleaning the post for 6 weeks (April 26).
- Saturday March 16, 2024 American Legion Birthday Party.
- 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, February 12, 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 8:07 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 its members. Let us ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve 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. @ 8:07 pm.