

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Lori Ohmes, Rhonda Hundley, Kimberley Johnson, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Tracy Burge, Ami Amason, Tammy Halloran, Pat Kitterman, Cindy Russell, Barb King, Toni Tackett, 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 Lesley Eliassen.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Auxiliary.
 - *Led by our President Tracy Burger.
- President Tracy Burge declared Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:06pm.

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
 - *The minutes of last month's meeting being shared, emailed and reviewed, by Members.
 - *No additions or corrections to be made.
 - * All in favor. Motion carried.
 - * The report will be filed for audit.

There was a question about BUNCO's left over wine from our raffles.

- **IN OUR MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 13, 2024: Kimberley Johnson made a motion that we donate the remainder to the Toy Run. Shonda Palmer second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Financial Report read and shared a copy by Rhonda Hundley.

- Bills to be paid at this time: Reimbursement to Kimberley Johnson (\$31.97) for a passed President pin to be presented to our outgoing President. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to pay the reimbursement. Lori Ohmes second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The report will be filed for audit.

Fundraisers:

- 1) The cup fundraiser is ongoing: colored or black and white. 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.
- 2) We have a few red GI t-shirts left \$10.00 ea.
- 3) ALA Coins are available for \$10.00 ea.
- 4) SAL still has the RADA Cutlery and kitchen wares fundraiser going. Also have a raffle for 50 lbs of meat. Ribeye, Filets, Pork Chops, Hamburger Patties, and Chicken Breasts. Tickets are \$5.00 ea or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Drawing will be Thursday June 27, 2024 at the ALR Taco Dinner.
- 5) ALR Coins are still available for \$10.00 each. They are also selling "Support Our Troops" signs for \$5.00 ea.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Saturday at 7:30pm in the Canteen.
- 8) June 7-8, 2024 is Smoke On The Plains.
- 9) June 29, 2024 is the Haysville Pool Party. Please contact Rhonda Hundley to volunteer for these events.
- 10) Tickets for Oktoberfest, September 29, 2024, are \$20.00.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Smoke On The Plains was successful.
- BUNCO SHINDIGS the 2nd Friday of every month starting. Doors open at 5:30pm dice roll at 6:00pm. \$20.00 entry fee. MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY. Please bring any items that you would like to donate for the prizes.
- Our May Burger Burn was a success. We had a great turn out of volunteers and patrons
- Tracy Burge entertained a motion to possibly add another burger (aka burger of the month) like mushroom Swiss and also adding lemonade for the summertime months. Lori Ohmes made a motion to add to our menu. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. We will also try to get flyers out to all first responders in time to plan ahead to join us. We appreciated all of you so very much!! Also, we can use donated vegetables and desserts.

- May BUNCO was super fun! We had a great turn out! Everyone 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! BUNCO SQUAD T-shirts are \$20.00 add \$2.00 for XXL- Larger.
- Funds we had for State (\$1200.00) will be added back to our account (fundraising) because the deadline was not met. We were in contact with a lady, with the Haysville School District, she had some family issues and could not meet the deadline. We will try again next year.
- Kamela Corbin the graduate that won the Oratorical that was hosted at our post. She made it all the way to nationals! Tracy Burge entertained a motion for us to send Kamela a \$25.00 gift card in a signed card. Coni Honn made the motion to send a gift card to Kamela. Barbara King second. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

District News: 2024-2025 State Department Officers:

Tracy Kannick — President
 Kristen Beasley — Vice President
 Sue Coester — Secretary/Treasurer
 Cindy Ward — Chaplain
 Laurie Kerns — Historian
 Jessie Mueller — Sergeant at Arms
 Pat Teach — Sergeant at Arms

- July 4, 2024: **No Burger Burn**
- We need to be coming up with more fundraisers to get us out into the community. Such as a breakfast, a Saturday Steak and Shrimp Night, a churn and burn (icecream) contest, or a corn hole tournament. We are open for any suggestions and also would love to have as many volunteers participate as possible.
- More community involvement ideas: The VA is asking for backpacks for the ladies containing things such as toothpaste, lotion, razors, etc. Also could pay off school lunch debt for students, could gather school supplies, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex. Kim, Tracy, Coni Honn, and Ami Amason will be reaching out to the teachers in the school district. It was suggested that we only provide school supplies K-5.
- Tammy Halloran has graciously entertained being our Post Historian. Please email Tammy @ hallorantammy@gmail.com with pictures of any and all of our post events!! If you have any questions please call her (316)-461-7467.

- We will be hosting @ our Post on October 5, 2024, The Fall District Convention. Pat Kitterman and Kimberley Johnson will be organizing this event. We will be having aluncheon (sub sandwiches, chips, tea and water.) The Auxiliary will keep the funds earned for future projects.
- Our next time to fundraise with a Raffle will take place from September 16, 2024 to October 31, 2024. Terry Gowen entertained a motion to add cash to an earmark for our raffle items, to get some cash set aside for the purchases. Pat Kitterman made a motion to add an earmark to a raffle fund of \$100.00 every month, there are 18 weeks between raffles, not to exceed \$500.00, if we need additional funds it will be discussed at that time. Lori Ohmes second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Kimberley Johnson went to Topeka for the State Convention. She was presented with two awards for our Auxiliary unit 408. The first was a blue ribbon for having over 100% membership, also a \$50.00 check for being in 3rd place. Kim will be bringing the forms for membership renewals. Renewals start in July and continue through December. Please contact her @ 316-393-0930 for any questions you may have.
- BOG Burger Burn will be Thursday June 20, 2024. This will also be the display from starving artists for the 3rd Thursday . Please come and support the community artists and the BOG!
- June 27, 2024 from 9am to 4:00pm there will be a VA Representative at the post for anyone who may need help filling out paperwork or any questions you may have.
- Our next Burger Burn is Thursday August 1, 2024. Volunteers needed. We also need some desserts for this event.
- Next Auxiliary Meeting is Monday July 8, 2024 @ 7:00.
- Texas Hold'em is on Wednesday's at 6:30pm.
- Update on Frosty: he is home and he is VERY, VERY appreciative for all of the time and hard work done by our Post Family. He loves all the visitors he has had over the last couple of months.

We have been asked if Post 408 would be willing to help with parking at The Mulvane Old Settlers Rodeo on August 23rd and August 24th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm or until we are no longer needed. Upon which you can receive a meal and continue to watch the rodeo. In addition to this those volunteering to help will receive 2 wrist bands to attend on the night they are not working. We were referred by our Auxiliary Member Cindy Russell as a group contact. Please let Cindy Russell @ 316-644-3580 know if you can accommodate us. Thank you for your consideration.

Mulvane Rodeo Arena

PLEASE DONT FORGET!

1. To pay your membership dues!!
2. **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!!!!
3. NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING!!!! WE MUST PROTECT OUR BARTENDERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS, AND OUR ENTIRE ESTABLISHMENT!!!!

Fundraising Report:

1. There are 3 different Military support logo T-shirts size XL for \$20.00 ea. available for purchase.
2. Thank you for all the help putting out flags for Memorial Day events.
3. Smoke On The Plains went well, we sold 384 hotdogs and the smoked Mac and cheese was delicious!
4. Selling T-shirts and Polos with embroidery contact Rhonda Hundley or Pat Kitterman.

ALR Report:

1. SAL/ALA Breakfast third Sunday of the month. Sunday June 16, 2024, Father's Day, all Father's eat for free 8am-11:00 am followed by Church Service at 11:15. SAL Meeting at 1:00pm. Brian Simpson will be chairing this event. Please contact him to volunteer for this event.
2. 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.
3. ALR is selling raffle tickets for steak, chops, and chicken. Contact a Rider for purchasing tickets for this raffle.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **PLEASE SEE THE POST CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS**
- Saturday evenings is Queen of Hearts in the Canteen at 7:30 pm. Karaoke from 8:00 to 11:00.
- Sunday June 15, 2024 is the annual golf tournament.

- Wednesday June 19, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30 pm.
- Thursday June 20, 2024 BOG cooking 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Monday June 17, 2024 Operation Holiday Toy Run Meeting at 6:00.
- Monday June 24, 2024 Fundraising meeting at 6:00pm, followed by the Foundation meeting at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday June 25, 2024 BOG Meeting at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday June 26, 2024 Texas Hold'em at 6:30pm.
- Thursday June 27, 2024 VA REP 9:00 am - 4:00pm. ALR cooking 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Saturday June 29, 2024 Post WorkDay 9:00am to 3:00om. QOH at 7:30pm.
- Saturday June 29, 2024 is also the Haysville Swim Party 6:30pm to 9:30m.
- Thursday July 4, 2024. **NO ALA BURGER BURN!**
- Monday July 8, 2024 Auxiliary Meeting at 700pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

REMINDER:. Next Auxiliary Meeting is Monday July 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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 Tracy Burger called to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. 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 Tracy Burge declared the meeting of Derby- Haysville Unit 408, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas, adjourned.

