



### American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting Month 2023.

At 7:00 pm Nov 2, 2023 a quorum was present of 19 Legion Members and 1 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain John McCullough and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by the Commander. Command Tackett declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

1. Roll call:
  - 1st Vice**, Terry Gowen-present
  - 2nd Vice**, Hugh Clare-present
  - Adjutant**, John McCullough-present
  - Finance Officer**, Joe Dinino-present
  - Service Officer**, Daniel McKelvey-present
  - Sgt. of Arms**: Jim Eliason-present
  - Chaplain**, Michael Bulger-excused
  - Historian**, Open
  - Executive Committee**, Morris Short absent, Joe Williams absent, Dick Helzer present
  - Public Relations Officer**: Mike Saindon- present
  - Judge Advocate**: Terry Marr- absent
2. Introduction of guests and prospective members as read by Commander Tackett.

3. The October meeting minutes are ready to be read.
  - a. **Motion to:** Joe Denino made motion to accept meeting minutes as posted
  - b. **2nd by:** Dale Dabney seconded, minutes approved, motion passed.
  - c. **Discussion: None**
4. The finance report was read by Joe Dinino.
  - a. **Motion to:** Barbara made motion to accept the October Finance Report;
  - b. **2nd by:** Dale Dabney seconded, Finance report approved, motion passed,
  - c. **Discussion: None**
5. Officer and Committee Reports:
  - 1st Vice Commander Report:** Terry Gowen – membership 193 for 78.13%
  - 2nd Vice POW/MIA Report:** Hugh Claire reported – attached
  - Adjutant report:** John McCullough reported 3 new members to vote in.
    - Motion to:** John McCullough motioned to vote new members;
    - 2nd by:** Joe Denino second motion to accept new members, motion approved. Vote accepted.
    - Discussion: None**
  - Post Service Officer Report:** Dan McKelvey reported he is in the process of collecting names of deployed service members.
  - Auxiliary:** No report
  - Chaplain Report:** No report
  - SAL:** Mike Saindon - reported membership at 94% and fund-raising activities.
  - Legion Riders Report:** No report
  - BOG:** Mike Saindon reported on BOG activities; finance report; meeting calendar attached. District 5 will need to use the Meeting Hall on 12/10/23. There are several holidays that the Legion meeting falls on in 2024, may want to consider moving the meeting to Wednesday before.
    - Motion to:** Joe Dinino made motion to move the meeting to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - 2nd by:** Dale Dabney seconded motion; motion approved.
    - Discussion: None**
  - Family Meeting** suggested to be moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday starting with November meeting to allow for coverage for Burger Burn.
  - Thermostats are locked** to prevent manual adjustments.
  - Several BOG members are reaching term limits. Requesting nominations:
    - Motion to:** Barbara motioned to nominate Joe Dinino to BOG (3-Year for Legion). Is there anyone else who would like to be nominated? No additional nominations were presented.
    - 2nd by:** Dale Dabney seconded motion; motion approved.
    - Discussion: None**
  - Roof screening** bids received from several companies: \$11,000; city plans to donate \$5,000. Need to fund raise the difference.
  - Insurance** – letter expires 12/16/23, Joe and Mike reported receiving several insurance bids:
    - \$10,500 for a \$1mil policy (\$1 mil building/\$100,00 contents/\$500,000) \$20,000 deductible.
    - Second bid is still in underwriting \$1.2 mil policy (\$200,000 personal property with \$10 rider.
    - Motion to:** Hugh Clare motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> quote if it comes

to be.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Mike Bulger seconded motion; motion approved.

**Discussion:** None

**Canteen Hrs:** Bar will be open at 8:00 Sunday for the Chiefs game. Breakfast casserole and Bloody Mary bar. Starting in January, bartenders will be asking for all membership cards from customers coming into the Canteen.

**Queen of Hearts:** started September, need name (first and last) on ticket as well as password answer to qualify for the prize. Will not be counted if either piece is missing.

**Mystery (Bottle in Bag):** MJB has volunteered to sponsor our Bottle in Bag – last shot wins \$25 and the bottle.

**Post Christmas Dinner:** Dec 16<sup>th</sup>; 4:30 – 5:00 Social; Left/Right Santa 5:00; Dinner 6:00-7:00 (Ham Turkey). Ugly Sweater Contest with prizes

**Next entity in rotation** for fundraising is SAL. BOG asked if it would be okay to switch with SAL for purposes of fundraising with donated “rifle”. BOG selling tickets and offered \$100 to the person who sells the “Winning Ticket”.

**Post work-day:** Nov 25<sup>th</sup> was voted to be the next work/cleanup day; Canteen floor needs washed and waxed.

**BOG Meeting:** Request going forward this meeting will be a closed-meeting. Non-members have an escalation flow through their “entity representative” on the BOG Committee. Acceptations will be made for presentation of issue at the beginning of the meeting for discussion and will be voted during the closed session.

**By Laws – change.** Article 3 addressed that BOG bank account may not have a debit/credit card. Request to remove the word “**not**” to allow for use of a debit/credit- card for operational activities. Add language, “**custodian of card will be with the BOG Treasurer**”.

**Foundation:** No report; meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of a month. Steve’s term on the committee will end on 12/31/23

**Fundraising Committee:** Rhonda reported sell-out on food. Pancake Feed – loading up Friday at 6 pm, open to sell Saturday 8 am at the Community Center. Next Committee dinner December is Taco Bar. Doner Flag – goal to have it hung on the wall by end of November.

**Public Relations:** Mike Saindon reported – CBD Sharman is donating 10% to Post 408 this year. This will be the last year for the Pancake Feed at the City Building, next year will be at the Post 408. Application for AL Cruisers needs to be sent in.

**Children and Youth:** No report.

**Boys State**

**Cadet Law**

**Oratorical**

**Golf:** Joe Dinino reported next meeting will be Jan 2024 at the Derby Country Club. Volunteers and Golfers receive gifts. Lunch is provided.

**Parade:** Mike reported that Chamber needs volunteers to assist with parking for the Christmas Parade 12/2. Rally at 4:30 at the football field

**Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports:** Joe Dinino motion to accept committee reports;

**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Pete Peterson.

**Discussion:** None; motion approved.

6. Old Business:
  - a. Chargers to install on bar
  - b. Purse hooks need to be installed
  - c. Bar top needs another coat
  - d. Request for Go-Fund-Me; “none profit” to pay for new roof.
  - e. Legionaries will put on Burger Burn and fries prior to next Family meeting.  
(Second Thursday each month, need flyer to advertise.)
7. New Business: Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408”
  - a. Flag: \$500 stripes are sold out
  - b. “Fun Day” @ Lake Afton Gun Range 11/19 from 10:00 – 2 pm. (2500 W MacArthur). \$15 to shoot all day. Bring own ammo.

**Motion to approve:** name,  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** by: name. Motion passed
8. **I will now accept a motion to close this business session** – Joe Dinino; **2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**by** all. Motion passed
9. Commander Tackett declared the business session closed @ 8:30 pm.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Attendance
2. POW/MIA Report
3. BOG Finance Report