

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408  
ALA Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Lesley Eliassen, Shonda Palmer, Jessi Stanislaw, Rhonda Hundley, Connie Bise, Jeanene Holl, Lori Ebenhack, Sharon Huddleston, Terry Gowen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Karon Watson, Kimberly Johnson, Helen Leake, and Barbara King

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 Connie Bise.
- 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 7:03 pm.

Standing Items:

- Minutes:
  - \*The minutes of last month's meeting were emailed and reviewed, by Members. Corrections were made.
- A group vote to accept minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Jessi Stanislaw
  - \*The treasurer's report for the month of September was read. Group vote to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - \*No corrections noted
  - \* No bills to be paid at this time.
  - \*The report will be filed for audit.

Fundraisers:

- 1) The cup fundraiser is ongoing: colored or black and white.

- 2) They can be purchased at the post meetings or on the website for \$25.00 each. We hope to sell them at any upcoming events.
- 3) SAL still has the kitchen wares fundraiser going.
- 4) ALR Coins are still available for \$10.00 each. They are also selling "Support Our Troops" signs.
- 5) 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.

#### Unfinished/Old Business:

- Atwood hot dog feed & Cash Savers hot dog feed were both successful! Thank you to all that helped!!
- Soup dinner, the food and volunteers were amazing! Turn out was very disappointing. 26 meals were sold with 6 of those meals being purchased by the volunteers helping (which had already donated product for the meal!!) Time to start supporting post events if possible?
- The POST GARAGE SALE is being postponed until November. Dan has taken the reins for this event. PLEASE reach out to him to volunteer for the sale!!!
- ALA is still selling raffle tickets for the \$250 jackpot!! Please contact an ALA member to purchase some \$10 tickets!!!!

#### New Business:

1. THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 IS OUR BUNCO SHINDIG!!! PLEASE COME AND PLAY!! The cost is \$20, this gets you your BUNCO package (check-in form with the rules on the back and supplies to play). Everyone receives one raffle ticket, extra raffle tickets will be: one ticket for \$1.00 and 6 tickets for \$5.00. All prizes are valued at \$20.00 or more. Please bring anything you have that can be donated for our raffle baskets. There will also be a \$10.00 balloon purchase for a Wine Drop. Also, enjoy some heavy appetizers, Hor d'oeuvres, and refreshing non-alcoholic beverages that are included. The Canteen will be open for the purchase of adult beverages. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! BRING EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!
2. Sunday October 14, 2023 is the ALR Auction. Please bring your nice thing to sell starting at NOON. Dinner (Sloppy Joe's) at 5:00pm. Auction begins at 6:00pm.
3. Sunday October 15, 2023 The SAL-ALA monthly breakfast from 8:00 to 11:30am. There are still spots open for VOLUNTEERS!!! Please contact Brian Simpson or Lori Ebenhack to GET SIGNED UP!!!! Please plan on staying, or coming to help set up for the Vice Commanders Dinner after breakfast.

4. Sunday October 15, 2023 The Vice Commanders Dinner. You are invited to attend with RSVP by Wednesday October 11, 2023. Social hour is at 5pm followed by dinner. The dinner will be \$10 per person. The ALA has been asked to provide desserts for this event. A donation box will be placed with the desserts and all funds collected in the container will go directly to the ALA.
5. October 17, 2023 Family Meeting at 7:00pm.
6. October 18, 2023 Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night at 6:30pm.
7. October 19, 2023 Dinner at the Post 4:30-7:00 pm or until food is gone.
8. October 24, 2023 BOG/PEC Meetings at 7:00\8:00 pm
9. October 28, 2023 WORK DAY AT THE POST 9:00-3:00pm.
10. October 30, 2023 AL Legion Family Fundraising Meeting at 5:30pm
11. November 4, 2023 Drive-thru Pancake Feed for Operation Holiday Derby.
12. November 19, 2023 ALA\SAL Sunday Breakfast at 8:00-11:30am.
13. November 19, 2023 LAKE AFTON RANGE FUN DAY!! 10:00am - 2:00pm \$15 for all day fun. Come and learn some shooting basics or just come to out to shoot for fun!!
14. December 2, 2023 Christmas for Kids.
15. December 16, 2023 Christmas Dinner.

- ALA Raffle - 100 tickets at \$10 each with a prize of \$250 is going on until October 31, 2023. WE STILL HAVE TICKETS TO SELL!!!!
- PLEASE REMEMBER BUNCO NIGHT THIS FRIDAY OCT 13, 2023.
- PLEASE REMEMBER SALVALA BREAKFAST SUNDAY OCT 15, 2023.
- World's Finest Chocolate bars is an ongoing fund raiser. We have sold 8 boxes in total this far!!! Let's keep the momentum moving forward!!
- THESE 4 EVENTS BENEFIT THE ALA DIRECTLY!!!! We have some projects coming up and we need to get some funds rolling in!!

Lori Ebenhack made a motion to raise ALA Member dues from \$30 to \$40 per year. Kimberly Johnson second. Motion carried.

Lori Ebenhack made a motion to change our Unit Name to the written and documented name per our charter in the by-laws from John M. West Derby Unit 408 to John M. West Derby-Haysville Unit 408. Terry Gowen second. Motion carried.

Time to look for new members to take on 3 year positions with the BOG & Foundation. Terry Gowen has agreed to go back into the BOG as our 3 year member. Vote taken ALL IN FAVOR!

Fundraising Report:

1. The pool party, T-shirt and zip up hoodie sale, peaches, Atwood's hot dog feed, and the Cash Savers hot dog feed were all successful!
2. Dinners are going to be monitored to decide if it is beneficial to continue to do them next year.
3. October 14, 2023 ALR Auction. Start bringing your nice donations at noon. Sloppy Joe Dinner at 5:99pm Auction at 6:00pm.
4. November 2, 2023 Italian Dinner at the Post.
5. November 4, 2023 is the Operation Holiday Derby Pancake Feed .
6. December 2, 2023 is Christmas For Kids.
7. December 7, 2023 Taco Bar at Post.
8. December 16, 2023 is our Legion Christmas Party.
9. There are 3 different Military support logo T-shirts size XL for \$20.00 ea. available for purchase.

#### ALR Report:

1. SAL/ALA Breakfast third Sunday of the month. Breakfast Sunday October 15, 2023 8:00am to 11:30am.
2. Brian Simpson and Lori Ebenhack will be chairing this event. Please sign up to help out!!!

#### BOG/PEC Report:

1. Terry Gowen is taking the 3 year position for ALA Representative.
2. October 24, 2023 BOG/PEC Meeting 7:00 & 8:00.
3. Looking for BOG and Foundation 3 year positions to be filled.

REMINDER:. Next Auxiliary Meeting is November 13, 2023.

Please review all fundraisers available from all of the entities of our Legion Family. They can also be viewed on the website.

Group voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, all in favor, motion carried.

(3raps)

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. @ 7:53pm.