

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 5, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Shonda Palmer, Lesley Eliassen, Tracy Barton, Kristin Frandsen, Ami Amason, Rhonda Hundley, Lori Ohmes, Coni Honn, Connie Fox-Gowen, Cindy Russell, Celio Sangate, Tammy Halloran, Connie Bise, and Terry Gowen.

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place, followed by the opening prayer , led by Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen followed by a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Shonda Palmer.
- Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by Tracy Barton.
- President Tracy Barton declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Welcome to our new member, Celio Sangate, a transfer from New Mexico. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept our new member into our Unit. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

STANDING ITEMS:

MINUTES: Minutes from April 2025 Auxiliary meeting were shared and emailed to members. A correction for the year to be changed to 2025. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the minutes, with correction being made. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURE'S REPORT: The treasure's report was read and shared with the membership by Rhonda Hundley. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the treasure's report as shared. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

We have a large deficit in our ear mark for Girls State. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to replenish the deficit (\$475.00) plus an additional \$25.00 every month including this month (May) for a buffer in the Girls State earmark. Kristin Frandsen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS: Kimberley Johnson paid membership dues. Lesley Eliassen purchased grave markers, new Preamble sheets for the Auxiliary, and a Past presidents pin. Reimbursement to the Legion for the purchase of flags and medallions for verterans graves. Rhonda mentioned that we have an earmark for the Legion and next year we should discuss increasing the earmark. Tracy Barton purchased 80's party decorations, food, and prizes. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to pay the bills. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Nothing to report at this time. Please reach out to our new Vice President, Kristin Frandsen for information on membership.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Nothing to report at this time.

HISTORIAN REPORT: If anyone has any pictures from any event that they would like to share please get those to our Historian, Tammy Halloran. She would like to have some pics from the 80's party.

FUNDRAISERS: Smoke on the Plains is coming up. The Fundraising Committee meeting is May 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend fundraising meetings. Embroidered Kitchen Aprons are going to be ordered. If you would like to purchase one or more, they must be pre ordered. Please see Rhonda Hundley to get your name on the order sheet. They will be \$20.00 each. Will be sending order in at the end of the month.

We are in the process of getting our membership roster updated correctly and will get copies to whomever needs them at a later date. Please be patient.

RAFFLE: Meat bundle raffle is ongoing. Tickets need to be purchased by June 19, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

If you are an outgoing officer please return your keys to Commander Hugh Clare as soon as possible. Hugh will then reissue the keys to incoming officers. Thank you!

Tracy Barton began the transitioning and swearing in of our new officers.

Coni Honn is the incoming Auxiliary President.

Kristin Frandsen is the incoming Auxiliary Vice President.

Lori Ohmes is the incoming Auxiliary Secretary.

Rhonda Hundley will continue as the Auxiliary Treasurer.

Tammy Halloran will continue as the Historian.

Ami Amason will continue as our Poppy Lady.

Connie Fox-Gowen will continue as our Chaplain.

Cindy Russell is the incoming Sargent of Arms.

Outgoing President Tracy Barton swore all officers into their positions.

Incoming Auxiliary President Coni Honn took over the meeting at this time.

Coni shared information on the Convention in Topeka Ks. At this convention members can learn about processes, functions, and laws that take place in the American Legion. This convention takes place at the end of May. Lesley Eliassen made a motion that the Auxiliary pay the officers registration fees. Ami Amason second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ami Amason our Poppy Lady shares the meaning of a Poppy. Poppies represent all the soldiers that have passed in foreign wars.

Trying to get our Member Roster updated and corrected.

We will be able to reach out to members that we haven't seen in a while and inform them on the events going on at our Post.

Suggestion to bring more members in: FOOD! Lesley Eliassen made a motion that the Auxiliary purchase the food for this gathering. Kristin Frandsen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rhonda Hundley shared information about the upcoming Derby Police Appreciation Banquet. Rhonda Hundley made a motion for the Auxiliary to donate \$100.00. Tracy Barton second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Coni Honn made a motion to NOT have a Burger Burn on July 3, 2025. Lesley Eliassen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Terry Gowen informed us that we (the post) have received a donation of a regulation size pool table. Pool table is located in the dinning (pool) hall. More information to come later.

Our very own Rosezetta Sullivan is getting married!!! Event will be held in the dinning hall at the post. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!! Event will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 11:00 am to 4:00pm with Nuptials at 1:00 o'clock.

Thursday May 8, 2025 Family Meeting at 7:00pm. This is a great meeting to go to get information on all the goings on at the Legion.

Sunday May 11, 2025 is Mother's Day. Breakfast will be served. All Mothers eat FREE.

Next Auxiliary meeting is Monday June 9, 2025 at 7:00pm.

CLOSING:

Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen led us in closing prayer.

Colors already in place, hand salute.

President Coni Honn declared the American Legion Auxiliary, Derby-Haysville Unit 408 adjourned at 7:48 pm.