

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

ATTENDEES: Kimberley Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Connie Bise, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Tracy Barton, Cindy Russell, Brenda Paul, Lori Ohmes, Kristin Frandsen, Coni Honn, Pat Kitterman, Rhonda Hundley, Verona Hilderbrand

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place.
- Opening prayer by our chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen followed by a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Coni Honn.
- Preamble to The Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by Tracy Barton.
- President Tracy Barton declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Department of Kansas monthly meeting convened at 7:09 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to our guest Sara Paul. Thank you so much for joining us!!

STANDING ITEMS

MINUTES: Shonda Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes from our August meeting as read and posted. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The finance report was read and shared with the membership by Rhonda Hundley. Shonda Palmer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Lori Ohmes second motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BILLS: Kimberley Johnson purchased BUNCO Shirts for \$99.66. Pat Kitterman made a motion to reimburse Kimberley for BUNCO Shirts purchased. Terry Gowen second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Kimberley Johnson also paid \$140.00 and \$168.00 for membership dues. Pat Kitterman made a motion to reimburse Kimberley for membership dues. Terry Gowen second motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Kimberley Johnson also presented a reimbursement for Laurie Hickie for the purchase of our raffle items (blower bundle) for approximately \$207.18 (give or take \$10.00). Cindy Russell made a motion that we reimburse Laurie Hickie for the amount of the purchase of the blower bundle. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Mike Saindon's nephew has passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

FUNDRAISERS: Our raffle begins September 16, 2024 and runs thru October 31, 2024. Please reach out to Tracy Barton to get your packet of tickets to sell TODAY!!!! We are still entertaining an Indoor Cornhole Tournament, Christmas Light Tours, Chili and Cinnamon Roll

Dinner, Loose Change Collection, teaming up with the SAL to put on an 80's night, also we are wanting to be the group to provide food for our Canteen Football Crew!! Tracy talked to some of the people that come to our Canteen for the Derby away game nights and asked if they had any food requests. They suggested things like quesadillas and brats. A Mimosa/Bloody Mary bar with Brunch for a NOON KC Chiefs game or two.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Nothing available at this time. Our Historian Tammy Halloran had back surgery and is doing well. She hopes to be able to scoot around with her walker to play BUNCO on Friday! We are thinking of you and praying for a speedy recovery!!

COMMITTEE REPORT: The BOG has asked that the Auxiliary provide HOMEMADE DESSERTS for our upcoming National Commander Dinner on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2024. Desserts can be dropped off on Saturday at the Post (make sure desserts make it to the walk-in if they need to be refrigerated). The BOG also will need some volunteers (servers and clean up crew and whatever else is needed) for this event. Please contact Barbara King to sign up and participate in this event.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: If you have any hours to turn in please give those to Kimberley Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP: There is a drawing for a basket made by Laurie Hickle for early bird members. Please turn in your membership dues BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024 to be entered to win!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connie Bise will have a group of students doing community service around our Post on Friday September 20, 2024. They will be doing some cleaning and outside work. Thank you to Connie for getting this going!!

Coni Honn is needing some volunteers for our first Annual AMERICAN LEGION CRUISERS (ALC) Car Show at the Vintage Vickers Gas Station in Haysville on Saturday September 14, 2024. Volunteers at 8:30am show starts at 9:00am. Please reach out to Coni Honn for this event!!

NEW BUSINESS: Pat Kitterman presented the update to the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion Auxiliary, John M. west, Unit 408.

1. PG. 3 Article VI under Fiscal Year - July1 to June 30- change to June 1 to May 31. Shonda Palmer made a motion to change the Fiscal Year. Coni Honn second motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. PG 4 Article I under Executive Committee to add annually elected Chairman. Strike the elected Chairman of the Executive Board shall be a Past Unit President. Coni Honn made a motion to add annually elected Chairman and to strike the elected Chairman past president sentence. Connie Bise second. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. PG 5 under section 4a Pat Kitterman made a motion to strike secretary as being a signer and add Vice President. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. PG 5 under section 4b Pat Kitterman made a motion to strike Secretary and Treasurer and add President. Rhonda second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. PG 6 Article III Dues under section 1 Rhonda Hundley made a motion to strike, however such suspension. Shonda Palmer second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. PG 7 Article V Elections under section 1 Coni Honn made a motion to strike "first". Kimberley Johnson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. PG 7 Article V under section 3 Pat Kitterman made a motion to change to May. Rhonda Hundley second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. PG 7 Article V under section 4 Pat Kitterman made a motion to change to a member in good standing. Rhonda Hundley second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. PG 9 Standing Rules under number 4 Rhonda Hundley made a motion to strike secretary and add Vice President. Pat Kitterman second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. PG 10 under number 12 Pat Kitterman made a motion to add expenditure needs to be paid before the next meeting and under (2) add without. Rhonda Hundley second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. PG 10 under number 14 Pat Kitterman made a motion to add Dual member of (TAL change to The American Legion) and ALA will pay half of annual dues that is required by the state. Connie Bise second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. PG 10 under number 15 Rhonda made a motion to strike Secretary and add Vice President. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Friday September 13, 2024 BUNCO- Doors open at 5:30pm dice roll at 6:00pm.
2. Saturday September 14, 2024 ALC (American Legion Cruisers) 1st Annual Car Show at the Vintage Vickers Gas Station in Haysville. Starts at 9:00am. Coni Honn needs volunteers to show up at 8:30am.
3. Monday September 16, 2024 IS THE START OF OUR RAFFLE FR THE BLOWER BUNDLE. PLEASE GET YOUR TICKET PACKET TODAY!!
4. Sunday September 22, 2024 National Commander Dinner. Please reach out to Kimberley Johnson or Barbara King to get signed up to help with this event.
5. Saturday September 28, 2024 is Oktoberfest Starting at 5:00pm. Please contact Laurie Hickle for any information you may need. She needs VOLUNTEERS!!!! If we, as the Auxiliary, step up and help with this event Laurie will make it totally worth it!!
6. Thursday October 3, 2024 is our next Burger Burn.
7. Saturday October 5, 2024 is the Fall District Meeting. Please reach out to Kimberley Johnson to see where she could use help.
8. Friday October 11, 2024 is BUNCO.
9. Monday October 14, 2024 our next ALA Meeting at 7:00pm.

The winner of our gift card tonight was Connie Bise. Congratulations Connie!!

Our Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen led us in closing prayer.

President Tracy Barton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.