

JOHN M. WEST UNIT 408
ALA Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2024

ATTENDEES: Tracy Barton, Ami Amason, Lesley Eliassen, Karon Watson, Helen Leake, Rhonda Hundley, Kristin Frandsen, Connie Fox-Gowen, Terry Gowen, Cindy Russell, Wanda Dailey, Lori Ohmes, Verona Hildebrand, Brian Simpson, Anna Simpson, Connie Bise, Coni Honn, Shonda Palmer

OPENING:

- Call to order with hand salute to colors already in place, followed by opening prayer led by Chaplain Connie Fox-Gowen and a moment of silence.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Coni Honn.
- 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 monthly meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

STANDING ITEMS:

MINUTES: Minutes of last month's meeting (March) emailed and shared. No additions or corrections to be made. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed and shared. Brian Simpson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rhonda Hundley read and shared the report. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to re-instate the Hillcrest Cemetery project earmark for \$100.00 and for an additional \$100.00 added for the Legion. Anna Simpson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. These expenses include, new flags for every veteran every year also a white cross and a medallion. The ALA, ALR, and SAL all donate for this to take place with the Legion cutting a check. Sunday May 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm we meet at Hillcrest Cemetery to bring out the flags and medallions the week before Memorial Day. There are events that take place at the cemetery on Memorial Day usually beginning around 11:00 am. After this event we will meet to take down big flags and crosses to be stored at the cemetery for the next year.

BILLS: Lesley Eliassen bought BUNCO prizes and items for cancer bags. We now have 7 more bags ready for pick up. Tracy Barton bought BUNCO gifts and prizes for the Throw Back 80s party on Saturday April 19, 2025. Shonda Palmer made a motion to match the SAL donation for this 80s party of \$200.00. Lori Ohmes second the motion. All in favor motion carried. Lesley Eliassen made a motion to cover the expenses already incurred and spend up to another \$100.00 if needed. Coni Honn second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Brian Simpson made a motion to pay the bills as requested. Lesley Eliassen second the motion. ALL in favor. Motion carried.

CHAPLAIN REPORT: Connie Fox-Gowen mailed out cards to Kristin Frandsen for the passing of her Father in law. One to Shonda Palmer for elbow surgery. One to Sharon Huddleston's family for her passing. Terry Gowen lost his mother and a cousin's son (cancer). If anyone has prayer requests for anyone please reach out to Connie Fox-Gowen.

FUNDRAISING: Rhonda Hundley shared a thank you note from the food-drive and pancake feed for our support. We collected 271lbs of food and \$750.00. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this possible! Smoke On the Plains at High Park is June 13 & 14, 2025. Please reach out to Rhonda for information on volunteering for that event. Also, the GOLF Tournament is on June 14, 2025. The Auxiliary will be sponsoring hole 1 again this year. Let Tracy Barton know if you are wanting to help with that. Our Meat Bundle Raffle tickets are for sale contact Tracy Barton or Coni Honn. On April 26, 2025 the American Legion Cruisers are having a car show (permission to block the street in progress) . It was discussed at the Family Meeting that we can sell Auxiliary things such as cups, T-shirts , bottled water, and even our meat bundle tickets!! **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD OUTSIDE THE CANTEEN. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OR BE ESCORTED BY A MEMBER TO ENTER THE BAR!!!!!!**

NEW/OLD AND OTHER BUSINESS:

This Saturday April 18, 2025 is our 80s Throw Back Party!! This is an event held by The Auxiliary and by The Sons!! Looking for a BIG BOOM BOX to give away for big prize this is a potluck sort of thing. So costume up, bring food, family, and friends! We will decorate before the event. Party starts at 6:30pm. Contact Greg Lawless or Tracy Barton to purchase tickets or for more info.

Our next Burger Burn is Thursday May 1, 2025. We have several people volunteering but could always use extras. Ami Amason, our Poppy Lady, will be out for the Poppy season, but poppies can still be purchased!!

NOMINATIONS FOR AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT: Coni Honn. All in favor. Nominations cease.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kristin Frandsen. All in favor. Nominations cease.

TREASURE: Rhonda Hundley. All in favor. Nominations cease.

SECRETARY: Lori Ohmes. All in favor. Nominations cease.

SGT OF ARMS: Cindy Russell. All in favor. Nominations cease.

Coni Honn made a motion to move our May Meeting to May 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Kristin Frandsen second the motion. Motion carried. Will be in dinning hall. Our nominees will be sworn in this meeting.

Cindy Russell is trying to get a mail box set up for retired flags. If you or someone you know can assist her in this venture please reach out to her!!

Kristin Frandsen made a motion to change the start time on BUNCO from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Brian Simpson second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried You will be receiving another email from me from Brian Simpson that will explain some of the other events going on in our post. Tracy Barton declared the Derby-Haysville Unit 408 Auxiliary monthly meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

