



American Legion Post 408 Business Meeting January 2025.

At 7:00 pm January 2, 2025 a quorum was present of 20 Legion Members and 3 guests. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chaplain Mike Bulger and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 1st Vice Commander. The American Legion Preamble was led by Commander Clare. Commander Clare declared the John M. West, Derby-Haysville Post 408, Department of Kansas business session convened.

1. Roll call:

1st Vice, Laurie Hickle- present
2nd Vice, Doug Sherwood- present
Adjutant, Mike Brady- present
Finance Officer, Joe Dinino- present
Service Officer, Chuck Ammons- present
Sgt. of Arms, Kevin Honn (present); Terry Gowen (present): -
Chaplain, Michael Bulger- present
Historian, vacant
Executive Committee, Morris Short present, Dick Helzer present, Steve Tackett present
Public Relations Officer: vacant-
Judge Advocate: Terry Marr- excused

2. Introduction of guest and prospective members as read by Commander Clare.

3. The month minutes meeting ready to be read.

- a. **Motion to:** forego the reading of the minutes was presented by Steve Tackett
- b. **2nd by:** Joe Dinino; minutes approved, motion passed.

4. Finance report was read by finance officer, Joe Dinino.

- a. **Motion to:** accept the month's Finance Report by, Barbara King
- b. **2nd by:** Steve Tackett. Motion passed,

5. Officer and Committee Reports:

1st Vice Commander Report: Laurie Hickle reported please provide any address changes as soon as possible.

2nd Vice POW/MIA Report: Doug Sherwood reported updates to POW/MIA– attached

Adjutant report: Mike Brady reported – 10 new members from last month. There are 99 members who have not renewed as of this report.

Post Service Officer Report: No report

Chaplain: No report

Auxiliary: No report

SAL: Mike Saindon reported membership is 103 for 153%; next meeting 1/19/25 @ 1 pm. SAL dinner will be chicken fried steak sandwich and fries 1/30/25.

Legion Riders Report: It was reported that there were 10+ riders for the Frostbite ride, New Years Day.

Cruisers: Charter membership ended 12/31/2024 as of that date there are 42 members. Cruisers would like to be added to the dinner and fund raiser rotation.

BOG: Joe Dinino reported on BOG activities, Valentines Dinner 2/15/25. Menu to include KC Strip, Filet, Chicken, salad, dinner roll. See Joe for RSVP.

Foundation: It was reported that the 2025 Board members are as follows:

Mike Saindon – President

Steve Tackett – Vice President

Rhonda Hundley – Treasurer

Coni Honn – Secretary

Mission to engage with the community would like to do a steak feed; School District – Purple up. Donation was made to Fire Department in the way of \$1,000 for Fire Pup (mascot). Pat Kitterman – Scholarship Fund.

Fundraising Committee: No report

Public Relations: No report

Children and Youth: No report

Boys State –

Cadet Law -

Oratorical -

Golf: No report

Parade: No Report

Motion to accept Officers and Committee Reports: Joe Dinino

2nd by: Mike Bulger

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Commander Clare – received “thank you” card from Chamber; Derby Public Schools – “thank you” from Lou Ann Sparks.
- b. Steve Tackett – made motion to challenge each entity to donate to the Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$200.
- c. Commander Clare made motion to “step down” from BOG as a conflict of interest and would like to appoint Kevin Honn to finish out his term.
- d. Haysville Chili Feed volunteer – Steve Tackett. Date is Feb 22nd.
- e. Mid-Winter Forum – is there anyone who would like to attend, let Mike Brady know.
- f. Legion dinner 2nd Thursday, we need a new leader to step up.

8. Items brought up for the “Good of Post 408” - none

9. Motion to close the business session – Joe Dinino; 2nd by Morris Short. Motion passed

10. Commander Clare declared the meeting closed 7:50 pm. Next meeting Feb 6th, 2025; business session closed @ 7 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

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