

Backus American Legion Auxiliary

April 28, 2025 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Lori Bartholomay

Advance Colors: Karen Flier

Prayer: Sue Kostka

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to the Constitution

13 members present

1 guest present

The March 24, 2025 minutes were reviewed. One correction was made to correctly spell Kristin Johnson's name. Sue Wolfe made a motion and 2nd by Lynne Gagnon to approve the minutes – motion approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The CD's have been updated. Karyl Kading made a motion and 2nd by Patti Schmiesing to approve the report – motion approved.

Membership Report

There are presently 95 members.

Correspondence/Donation Requests

Thank you from Barb Fredericks for paying her membership dues.

Thank you from Kathy Bruno for the plant she received.

Thank you from the Hackensack Food Shelf for our donation.

Thank you from the Pine River Area Food Shelf for our donation.

Donation request from Judy Diebel to sponsor a hole for the Paws and Claws Golf Tournament. Karyl Kading made a motion and 2nd by Karen Flier to donate \$100 to sponsor a hole. Motion carried.

The District Office is selling books explaining the American flag to hand out to children in the community. It is called "Star Spangled Kids Kits". Patti Schmiesing made a motion and 2nd by Karen Flier to purchase 200 books. Motion carried.

Department News

The 2025 Convention is being held July 9th through the 12th in Wilmar, MN. Please see Lori if you would like to attend.

Unfinished Business

Memorial Stars Update

Kristin showed us the plaque that will be hung with the stars.

Cornfest Raffle Update

Kristin reported that 1st National Bank donated \$100 to help with the cost of the raffle tickets.

Right now we are sitting at \$2,500 in prizes.

In the past, we printed 2500 tickets selling for \$1 each. This year it was agreed to print 3500 tickets.

Schrupps donated \$250 worth of Class 5. Sue Wolfe made a motion and 2nd by Karyl Kading that we purchase another one to match their donation either in the Class 5 or a gift certificate of equal value. Motion carried.

Kid's Easter Party Update

Mel reported that there were about 60 kids along with their parents and grandparents.

There were lots of games, prizes and fun.

A suggestion was made to tell the kids at the beginning of the party that they can receive 2 large prizes with their tickets as many of them came up repeatedly.

Thank you to all that helped out!

New Business

May Auxiliary Breakfast

Deb reported that she has enough volunteers for the May breakfast, but will need help in June. If you would like to volunteer, please let her know.

Sue Wolfe has ordered the flowers that will be given out to moms at the breakfast. They will be wrapping them on Saturday, May 10th at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00. If you would like to help, please be there!

Scholarships

Lori reported that in doing the budget in January, 3 scholarships, each at \$500, were approved. A discussion was had as to whether we should up it to 4 scholarships at \$500 each.

Karyl Kading made a motion and 2nd by Sue Kostka to issue the 4 scholarships. Motion carried.

Standing Rules Handout

Please to it home and look it over.

Memorial Garden Update

Pam Kichler has been taking care of the Memorial Garden. She stated that she would like help this year and then would like to pass the baton to someone else. Jess Graham volunteered to help out.

Patti Schmiesing volunteered to Co-Chair the Hunter's Dinner.

A Draping Ceremony was held in honor of Sharon Bosell, Virginia Thompson, Virginia Tostenson and Myrna Dunnuck.

Next month Officer Nominations will be held. The meeting will be on May 19th.

Prayer: Sue Kostka

Silent Prayer

Retire Colors: Karen Flier

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary: Dianna Johnson