

## Backus American Legion Auxiliary

October 28, 2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Lori Bartholomay  
Advance colors – Karen Flier  
Prayer – Sue Kostka  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Preamble to the Constitution  
13 members present

Pam Kichler also attended  
Welcome Denise Baird

The September 23, 2024 Secretary's notes were reviewed. Jean Dawson made a motion and Lynne Gagnon 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes – approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Mel reported that she corrected the error from last month's report. She also reported that we received \$500.00 for the Kid's Halloween Party and \$500.00 for the Memorial Garden from the Legion. The poppies have been ordered, but not received. Lynne Gagnon made a motion and Karen Flier 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the report – motion approved.

Membership Report –

There are presently 76 paid members. Lynne Gagnon made a suggestion to add years of membership to the membership cards. Lori will inquire.

Correspondence/Donation Requests –  
None

Department News –  
None

Unfinished Business-

Stars Update – Dianna Johnson reported that 132 names have been submitted for engraving. A discussion was had on how often we will submit new names. It was determined that we will submit new names once a year when we submit names for the Memorial Stone at the cemetery.

Hunter's Dinner – We still need volunteers. Please sign up if you can help.

Bake Sale – We have enough help.

New Business –

Auxiliary Breakfast – Deb Geary reported that numbers were down this year, but we still made a profit of between \$3,700 and \$3,800. A big thank you to Deb for cleaning the convection oven and for heading the breakfasts again this year!

Kid's Halloween Party – Mel reported that numbers were also down this year, but fun was had by all.

Christmas Wreath Pick-up – Patti Schmiesing donated a wreath for the cemetery. It will be ready on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sue Kostka volunteered to pick it up as Patti will be out of town. We will look into ordering one for the Memorial Garden.

Fireman's Dinner – Sue Kostka and Marty Whalen volunteered to co-chair. The date is to be determined. The Auxiliary will pay for the dinner.

Other Business –

Gene Gagnon reported to the Auxiliary that the Legion received an \$849.00 rebate from Menard's when they reshingled the roof. The Legion offered it to the Auxiliary. A discussion was had on what we could use the rebate for. Deb Geary suggested we use it for the Kid's Christmas Party gifts. This will be looked into.

Kid's Christmas Party –The party will be held on December 14, 2024. Volunteers are needed.

Shipment for Troops – Lori submitted a letter to Gambling to pay for postage.

Donations – It was brought to our attention that we do not donate to Wounded Warriors or Tunnel to Towers. We will need more information before we decide to donate.

Prayer: Sue Kostka

Silent Prayer

Retire Colors – Karen Flier

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Secretary: Dianna Johnson