

Backus American Legion Auxiliary

July 22, 2024 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:59 pm hours by Lori Bartholomay.

Advance Colors – Karen Flier

Prayer- Sue Kostka

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to the Constitution

15 members present

The June 24, 2024 Secretary's notes were reviewed. Judy Deibel made a motion and Lynne Gagnon 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes – approved as presented.

Welcome to new members Kristin Johnson and Barb Johnson.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There are a few more funds to distribute from the Poppy Fund. Sue Kostka made a motion and Judy Deibel 2<sup>nd</sup> to distribute the funds – motion approved. The yearly audit has been done, but will be done on a quarterly basis from now on. Judy Deibel made a motion and Lynne Gagnon 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the report – approved as presented.

Membership Report – 90 members.

Membership dues are \$30 and may be paid now. Hope to be paid up by the end of the year.

There is now an online access for memberships called ALAMIS that is accessible to 2 people costing \$20 per person. This would save on time and the expense of stamps. Sue Kostka made a motion and Mel Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> to use ALAMIS with Lori and Mel as the designated users– motion approved.

Correspondence –

Thank you from Miranda Altepeter for Scholarship

Thank you from Alaura Dahl for Scholarship

Request from Pine River Food Shelf to donate to their Open Your Heart Summer Challenge.

Motion to donate \$250 made by Lynne Gagnon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Flier – motion approved.

Department News –

None

Old Business –

The Memorial garden is complete and looks beautiful. We will thank Pam and Jim Kichler for all their hard work in the near future.

Cornfest raffle ticket sales are going well. We may reach out to people to sell tickets at the Meat Raffle on Friday nights.

The drawing will be held after the Frankie Lamb Band at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

New Business –

The “stars” project was discussed, which is a dedication to deceased past members. Stars will be put up on the fence in the Memorial Garden with their names on them. It was decided that we will start with the list we presently have. Anyone interested in helping will meet after the meeting.

Judy suggested staining the fence. Lori will talk to the Management Team for their input on staining the fence.

We need one person to serve at the next Auxiliary Breakfast. Kristin Johnson and Barb Johnson volunteered.

We need volunteers for the Cornfest Parade. New this year is “The American Legion Family”. Children and Grandchildren are welcome to ride on the float with a member.

After the parade there will be a Color Guard Meal. Servers are needed.

Sue Kostka and Mel Taylor volunteered for the parade and to serve at the meal. Barb Johnson also volunteered to serve at the meal.

Auxiliary Chairs:

Breakfast: Deb Geary

Funerals: Sue Kostka

Poppies: Lynne Gagnon

Cornfest Raffle: Kristin Johnson

Hunters Dinner: Judy Deibel and Patti S. Co-Chairs

Fireman’s Dinner: Judy Deibel and Patti S. Co-Chairs

Memorial Garden: Lori to reach out to Pam, SAL and the Legion

Kids Parties: Mel Taylor

Membership: Lori Bartholomay

Cemetery: Judy Johnston

Christmas Packages to Troops: Judy Johnston

Nursing Home Gifts: Sue Kostka

Kids Party Gift Buyers: Deb Geary and Leigh Metcalf

Cards: Sue Wolfe

Other Business –

Hunter’s Dinner, any apples to be donated would be greatly appreciated. Karen Flier offered to donate apples.

Suggestions were discussed on what to have as prices on food is so high.

Prayer – Sue Kostka

Silent Prayer

Retire Colors – Karen Flier

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m

Secretary: Dianna Johnson

