

## **Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051**

**Date: July 8, 2023**

**Time: 10:48am**

**Presiding Officer:** Tina Stemen with 5 members present.

The meeting was called to order and the opening ceremonies were conducted according to the ritual.

### **Roll call of Officers:**

**President:** Tina Stemen

**Sr. Vice President:** Denise Garcia

**Jr. Vice President:** Mike Walker

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Rachel Brown

**Chaplain:** Denise Garcia - PROTEM

**Conductor/Conductress:** Carol Archuleta

**Guard:** Carol Knutson

**Patriotic Instructor:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #1:** Carol Knutson

**Trustee #2:** Mike Walker

**Trustee #3:** Rita Christensen - ABSENT

**Guests:** NONE

### **Reading and referring of Petitions for Membership:**

Joyell Mavity “Joy” was presented for life membership in our auxiliary. She is joining through husband who served in Kuwait. She was accepted by voice vote by the membership. She also completed the member initiation.

**Presentation of Minutes:** Presentation of the minutes from the previous meeting will stand approved as read.

**Communications:**

1. Email regarding the VA Baby Shower by Eric Ward was read.
2. Action Corps Weekly - read by legislative chairman, Rachel Brown

**Presentations of Treasurer's report (previous month):**

**\*Please note all checks may not have cleared\***

**General Fund: Balance last report: \$8,150.80**

**Deposits: \$0.00**

**Disbursements: \$13.00**

**Ending Balance: \$8,137.80**

**Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,826.18**

**Interest: .60**

**Ending Balance: \$4,864.28**

**Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,409.59**

**Deposits: \$0.00**

**Disbursements: \$17.50**

**Ending Balance: \$2,409.59**

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. Tina Stemen - Reimbursement for mileage & meals (convention) \$77.35
2. Rachel Brown - Reimbursement for \$50.00 - gift card for President, Tina Stemen

Carol Knutson made a motion to pay the bills as presented; Mike Walker seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Committees**

**Program Chairman**

**Americanism:**

Carol Knutson

**Buddy Poppy/National Home:**

Denise Garcia

Our last buddy poppy drive (Memorial weekend) was canceled due to Sigi's passing.

**Chaplain's Report:**

Rita Christensen

**Community Service Report:**

R. Brown/T. Stemen

**Historian/Media Relations:**

Tina Stemen

**Hospital:**

Rita Christensen

**Legislative:**

Rachel Brown

Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership. She continues to forward to members via email.

**Membership & Recruitment:**

Mike Walker

Membership report: 206 continuous life members, 226-prior member total. Current total percentage is 91.15%, paid percentage 91.15% as of 07/07/2023.

**Mentoring & Leadership:**

Rita Christensen

**Scholarship:**

Rachel Brown

**Veterans & Family Support:**

Tina Stemen

**Youth Activities (VOD & PP):**

D. Garcia/C. Knutson

**Dept. President's Special Project:**

Carol Archuleta

**Audit Report**

Trustees (Quarterly)

**Unfinished Business:**

1. We need to clarify with Rita what dates/times she needs members to show up to assist with the yard sale. It was decided that the Summer Yard/Barn Sale to benefit the VFW Programs will be held at the home of Rita Christensen on the weekend of August 25 & 26 from 8:00am-2:00pm. We will help Rita on the weekends prior, to assist in getting things set up and priced (Aug 4/5, Aug 11/12, Aug 18/19). Rachel will help with the advertising (VFW FB Page, Thrifty Nickel, Craigslist, Next Door App, FB Marketplace, FB Page)

**New Business:**

1. Carol Archuleta made a motion to donate \$50 to the VA Baby Shower, seconded by Rachel Brown, motion carried.
2. Discussion was had about the other VA hospitals within our state. Maybe our hospital chairman, Rita Christensen, can reach out to the other hospitals to see what their needs are.

**Good of the Order**

- Denise Garcia had an idea to bring in “Painting with a Twist” so we can get some members in to do a fun activity. She will look into the logistics more and report back at the next meeting.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting date:** August 12, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 4051

**Snacks for next meeting:** Rita Christensen

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

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Minutes approved/corrected as read