

Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051

Date: November 11, 2023

Time: 11:37am

Presiding Officer: Tina Stemen with 6 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: Rita Christensen

Conductor: Rachel Brown - PROTEM

Guard: Carol Knutson

Patriotic Instructor: Carol Knutson

Trustee #1: Carol Knutson

Trustee #2: Mike Walker

Trustee #3: Rita Christensen

Guests: **Art Kimbrel** - House Committee Chairman, **David Anthony** - VFW Post #4051 Commander

- **Art Kimbrel** - appointed as House Committee Chairman
He reported on the updates regarding the building/kitchen, etc.: The kitchen will have a burner range, 2 flat grills, a broiler under the flat grill, gas char broiler, and 2 gas deep fryers. There is a walk-in cooler and the place where the cooler was is now the pantry; there is a double wide freezer, 2 door freezer/refrigerator, high tech dishwasher, steam table in the server's area, convection microwave, 2 garbage disposals, new ice maker machine, and a cold table for dressings and condiments.
- **David Anthony** - new roof by end of November, class 4 shingle. He also spoke about the FB page - he can talk to C Linski about admin rights for the auxiliary FB page. At this

point, Rachel and Tina have recreated one, but would rather use the existing one if at all possible.

Reading and Referring of Petitions for Membership:

1. **Michael Saunders** - was presented to the membership - he is joining through his father and was voted on and approved today.
2. **Michelle Kiely** - was presented to the membership - she is joining through her father and was voted on and approved today.
3. **Linda Dunahoo** - was a previous member and will be reinstated, but will now be a life member. She was presented to the membership and voted on and approved today.
4. **Charlene Cormier** was absent and am waiting on payment, **Deb Watts** - need all of her information to complete the application process.

Presentation of Minutes: Presentation of the minutes from the October 2023 meeting will stand approved as read.

Communications:

1. General Orders #2 - Nov 2023 - were read to the membership.
2. Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership.
3. Email from Rena Cales - reminding Auxiliaries about the District 5 Memorial & Meeting set for November 18, 2023 at VFW Post #3917 - Security. It will start at 11am with joint training, lunch @ noon, memorial service at 1:00pm, meeting to follow.
4. Minutes from the Pikes Peak Veterans Council were shared with the membership.
5. Email from Arline Dolan - VFW Aux Dept of CO Treasurer - Giving auxiliary treasurer permission to adjust the balance on the checkbook so it will balance from this point forward.

Presentations of Treasurer's report (previous month):

Please note all checks may not have cleared

General Fund: Balance last report: \$9,178.15

Deposits: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$13.00

Ending Balance: \$9,165.15

Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,828.61

Interest: .61

Ending Balance: \$4,829.22

Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,342.09

Deposits: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$2,342.09

Presentation of Bills:

1. Rita Christensen - reimbursement - THI Dinner expenses in the amount of \$29.56; Carol Knutson made a motion to reimburse Rita Christensen \$29.56, seconded by Mike Walker - motion carried

Committees

Program Chairman

Americanism:

Carol Knutson

Buddy Poppy/National Home:

Denise Garcia

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:

Denise Garcia

Membership report: 206 continuous life members, 226-prior member total. Current total 210 - current percentage is 92.92%, paid percentage 92.92% as of 11/09/2023.

Mentoring & Leadership:

Rita Christensen

Scholarship:

Rachel Brown

Veterans & Family Support:

Tina Stemen

Youth Activities (VOD & PP):

D. Garcia/C. Knutson

Carol Knutson reported - VOD/PP - Barbara Green has been working with ROTC students - She has received 6 applications for Voice Of Democracy. She gave the Auxiliary 3 and she has submitted the entries to the District. Barbara also received 9 applications/entries for Patriot's Pen and she gave 5 to the Auxiliary.

Dept. President's Special Project:

Carol Archuleta

Audit Report

Trustees (Quarterly)

The audit for the General & Games accounts for the Qtr 3, July-Sept 2023 was presented. See New Business

Unfinished Business:

1. THI Dinner - Those individuals assisting with the dinner will meet at 5pm at the Hotel Elegante with the meal for the participants. The dinner is scheduled for **Nov 15, 2023 from 5:30-7:00pm at MCM Elegante Suites, 6450 N Academy Blvd, CS, CO 80918**
Carol and Rita to make pasta w/meat sauce, Tina - bread & salad, Denise - dessert.

New Business:

1. The Charter was draped for the following deceased members: Linda Jensen, Sigi Walker, Connie Lopez, Marilyn Senne, and Betty Holland.
2. Trustee #1, Carol Knutson presented the audit for the General & Games accounts for the 3rd-Quarter, July-Sept 2023. Carol Knutson made a motion to accept the audit report as presented; seconded by Rita Christensen, motion carried.
3. Discussion to make our annual donations to the following: Health & Happiness, Cancer Aid & Research, National President's Project (via Malta - \$100 each) and Hospital donation (via donation form, @ .75/member x 226 = \$169.50).
4. Discussion regarding Family Life Services - we have decided to hold off on a donation for now. Rita Christensen will call them directly to see what they may be in need of.
5. Carol Knutson & Rita Christensen will provide lunch at the December 9, 2023 meeting. They will collaborate on what to make - Rita suggested chicken salad.
6. Craft Sale - TBD
7. Are we having a Grand Opening?
8. Post is open on Thursdays between 1-3pm if anyone can stop and assist in any way, please stop by if you can.

Good of the Order:

- Mike Walker - thanked the auxiliary for the donation to the cancer society for Sigi.

Closing Ceremonies

The closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned @ 12:46pm.

Next meeting date: December 9, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 4051

Snacks for next meeting: Past President's Luncheon

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

Minutes approved/corrected as read