

Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051

Date: August 12, 2023

Time: 10:48am

Presiding Officer: Denise Garcia 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: Denise Garcia - PROTEM

Sr. Vice President: Denise Garcia

Jr. Vice President: Mike Walker

Secretary/Treasurer: Rachel Brown

Chaplain: Joyell Mavity- PROTEM

Conductor/Conductress: Carol Archuleta

Guard: Carol Knutson

Patriotic Instructor: Carol Knutson

Trustee #1: Carol Knutson

Trustee #2: Mike Walker

Trustee #3: Rita Christensen

Guests: *Mike White* - Asst. Scout Master - he is the Charter Representative. He plans to join the auxiliary and will get the secretary the necessary paperwork. *Deb Watts* is a Life Member of Auxiliary #2298 from Dundee, IL - she is visiting our meeting to see if she'd like to transfer her membership. *Art Kimbrel* provided an update on the current renovations happening at the Post. *Geena & David Kile* from "I ARTED, LLC" - will present on their organization.

Reading and referring of Petitions for Membership:

Reinstatement - Michelle Pineda - was approved by voice vote and signed by the investigating committee.

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

Communications:

1. Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership.

Presentations of Treasurer's report (previous month):

Please note all checks may not have cleared

General Fund: Balance last report: \$8,137.80

Deposits: \$137.50

Disbursements: \$232.35

Ending Balance: \$8,132.95

Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,864.28

Interest: .62

Ending Balance: \$4,827.40

Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,409.59

Deposits: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$50.00

Ending Balance: \$2,409.59

Presentation of Bills:

NONE

Committees

Americanism:

Buddy Poppy/National Home:

Program Chairman

Carol Knutson

Denise Garcia

Chaplain's Report: Rita Christensen

Rita sent a Thank you card to Patricia Hanes for her annual donation. Rita also reported she completed the quarterly report for the Games Account.

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 08/09/2023.

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)

The audit for the General & Games accounts for the quarter 1, Jan-March 2023 (Revised) and for quarter 2, April-June 2023 was presented. See New Business.

Unfinished Business:

1. Don't forget 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. Carol Knutson took more items to Rita's for the yard sale. Denise Garcia and her friend will work on Friday; Tina, Rachel and Carol K to work on Saturday.

New Business:

1. Report of the Trustees: Trustee #1, Carol Knutson presented the audit for the General & Games accounts for the General Account (Revised) quarter 1, Jan-March 2023, and for the Games & General Accounts, quarter 2, April-June 2023. Carol Knutson made a motion to accept the audit reports as presented; seconded by Rita Christensen, motion carried.
2. It was suggested to look into Operation Home Front as they help to provide housing, meals, and financial assistance for military families. Is this similar to Homefront Cares in the Colorado Springs area? We will look into this further to see if we can support their organization.

Good of the Order

- Denise Garcia had an idea to bring in “I ARTED” (similar to Painting with a Twist) so we can get some members in to do a fun activity. Geena & David Kile gave the auxiliary more information about their organization. They teach individuals how to paint a certain object, for example at Christmas, a holiday themed painting. The cost would be \$30/person to participate. It usually lasts 2 ½ hours and they take care of the set up, teaching the project, and clean-up. It is open to children 6 yrs and older as well. It would be a good way to bring in families. We will discuss more at our next meeting about a possible date.
- There is not a date set for the Open House yet. The auxiliary will visit with the Commander to discuss further and to see how the auxiliary can help support.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

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

Snacks for next meeting: Mike Walker

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

Minutes approved/corrected as read