

Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051

Date: June 17, 2023

Time: 10:40am

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 - ABSENT

Jr. Vice President: Mike Walker

Secretary/Treasurer: Rachel Brown

Chaplain: Rita Christensen

Conductor/Conductress: Carol Archuleta

Guard: Carol Knutson

Patriotic Instructor: Carol Knutson

Trustee #1: Carol Knutson

Trustee #2: Mike Walker

Trustee #3: Rita Christensen

Guests: NONE

Reading and referring of Petitions for Membership:

Wayne Victor was presented for membership - the Investigating Committee accepted his application for membership. Secretary, Rachel Brown will inform Wayne of the date and time of the meetings so he can present himself for member initiation.

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

Communications:

1. General Orders # 4 - May 2023 - was read to the membership
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: \$8,072.10

Deposits: \$132.00

Disbursements: \$31.00

Ending Balance: \$8,150.80

Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,825.57

Interest: .61

Ending Balance: \$4,826.18

Games Fund: Beginning balance: \$2,409.59

Deposits: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$2,409.59

Presentation of Bills:

NONE

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

Rita did send cards to both Eric and Mike for Sigi's passing in May 2023.

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: 204 continuous life members, 19 annual continuous, 231-prior member total, current member total 225. Current total percentage is 97.40%, paid percentage 99.13% as of 06/16/23.

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:

NONE

New Business:

1. The warrant was read and we proceeded with the Installation of Officers. Tina Stemen, President, and Rita Christensen, Chaplain & trustee were installed at the June 2023 meeting.

2. 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)
3. Carol Knutson made a motion for the Treasurer's bond and for the Gaming bond to be purchased in the amounts of \$15,000 and \$5,000. Motion seconded by Carol Archuleta, motion carried.
4. Starting this next month in July, we will plan to start having our monthly meetings at our own building. Rachel will get this information changed on the Malta website and send an email out to those that have emails.

Good of the Order

- Building Update: The Post attained the Silver Pond property off of Dublin & Academy, address is 6523 N Academy Blvd, CS, CO 80918. Our plan is to have our July meeting at the new building.
- Carol Knutson said there is a need to train more helpers for the Friday bingos. Rachel, Tina and Rita agreed to be trained to assist when they are needed. They will go on June 23, 30 to be trained. Carol & Duane will be out of town the last 2 Friday's in July, so we will need to help support.
- Mike Walker informed us that Sigi's obituary is published and can be viewed at Mountain View Mortuary. Here is the link (Rachel will send out via email):
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/colorado-springs-co/sigrid-walker-11300742>

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date: July 8, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 4051

Snacks for next meeting: Rachel Brown

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

Minutes approved/corrected as read