

## Minutes of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 4051

**Date:** September 9, 2023

**Time:** 10:59am

**Presiding Officer:** Tina Stemen with 4 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:** *Michelle Kiely* - wants to join and is looking for the DD214 of her grandfather. Rachel will ask about the service officer for the post to see if they can assist.

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

*Wayne Victor* - to be completed this week - waiting on *Mike White* and the DD214 for his grandfather, *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 previous meeting will stand approved as corrected.

**Communications:**

1. Rachel Brown read the most recent Action Corps weekly to the membership.
2. Family Life Newsletter Fall 2023
3. Memorandum regarding the 2023 Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Program & Awareness Month from Senior Pentagon Leadership.

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

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

**General Fund: Balance last report: \$8,132.95**

**Deposits: \$879.20**

**Disbursements: \$13.00**

**Ending Balance: \$8,899.15**

**Savings Account: Beginning Balance: \$4,827.40**

**Interest: .61**

**Ending Balance: \$4,828.01**

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

**Deposits: \$0.00**

**Disbursements: \$0.00**

**Ending Balance: \$2,342.09**

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. Reimbursement to Rachel Brown for the classified ad in the amount of \$7.75. Rita Christensen made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Denise Garcia, motion carried.

**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 92.04%, paid percentage 92.04% as of 09/08/2023.

**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 September 16 & 17 from 8:00am-2:00pm on Saturday and 12-4pm on Sunday. Tina Stemen will work on Friday; Rachel Brown & Denise Garcia will work on Sunday.

2. We want to book a date with “I-Arted”, but we will need to wait until the Post is ready and according to the Commander, that may be another 60 days. We will table until we get the go ahead from the Commander.

**New Business:**

1. It was recommended to draft a letter for donations for stores like Walmart, Safeway, King Soopers, etc. to assist with items for the Open House or other events as they are scheduled.
2. It was suggested to assemble some baskets for the Open House; more discussion at the next meeting.

**Good of the Order**

- Rita Christensen had seen something in a newsletter supporting military families for \$11/month; she couldn’t remember what it was, but if she remembers she’ll bring it up.
- There was a discussion about the toilet seats in the women’s restroom (being too low).

Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting date:** October 14, 2023 @ 10:30 at VFW Post 4051

**Snacks for next meeting:** Mike Walker (switched with Carol)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Brown

Audited by:

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Minutes approved/corrected as read