

AMVETS Post 2006 Auxiliary Meeting, Aug. 2, 2021

President Claudia Thompson called the meeting to order: 4:30

Opening Prayer: Sandra King

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Ann Jarboe

Roll Call: Present - President Claudia Thompson, 2nd Vice & Chaplain Sandra King, Treasurer Brenda Moreland, Hospital Cindy Coletti, Secretary & Parliamentarian Theresa Walton, Sgt At Arms Maryann Jarboe, Americanism & SEC Judy Cassidy. Excused - 1st Vice and alt SEC Sue McLaughlin, 3rd Vice Michelle Hale. Resigned - Scholarship Shirley Seigler

Minutes of previous meeting (2021): read and approved

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Of note, a new member, Sally Olmstead, hosted the bake sale in July and raised \$286.

Correspondence: Request for money from Wounded Warriors

Membership: Two membership applications - Carol Lynn Collins and Judy Fallon. Both approved

Child Welfare: Sandra thanked everyone for the donation of school supplies. The collection will continue for a few more days and the donations will be dropped off on or about Aug. 10. Claudia will join her.

Community Service: Michelle is working but Sandra said there was a donation made of hearing aid batteries. Michelle is researching where to donate them.

Americanism: Judy reported there was one box that was returned and 20 letters to soldiers were sent. There will be stamped and addressed envelopes on our message board for anyone who would like to fill out a card or send a letter to a soldier. If you send a note, be positive – no politics, no negativity, etc. A discussion was held regarding the Americanism Fund. In the past it was used for donations to causes such as Freedoms Foundation, Wounded Warriors, PTSD, Wreaths Across America – more than just for postage for packages. Motion by Judy, second by MaryAnn to go back the way it was – money can but used to support charities in line with the fund's goals. Passed. If anyone knows of a local serviceman deployed please pass on the name and contact info.

Hospital: Money from hot dogs on Wednesdays continues to go to that. Thank you to Sally and her helpers for a successful bake sale and giving the money to St. Jude's.

SEC: Please remember to fill out volunteer forms for all the work you do. Claudia also reminded the members that everyone is a volunteer here. Sometimes plans fall through and it can't be helped. Please don't complain. Stay positive. Also, we always need volunteers. Please don't turn anyone away. If you don't need help, take the person's name and contact number and we'll get in touch.

Old Business: No response to request for reimbursement from convention. The person's key card will be shut off until the money is repaid.

There is \$1635.95 in the She Shed fund. MaryAnn will be shopping for a shed soon. There are a number of items still in attic that will need to be moved from the attic to the new shed.

Flower fund – MaryAnn said there is a balance of \$311.32. Members have the option of donating to the fund at the meetings. Money used for flowers for members in hospital or cards. In past bricks at veterans memorial has been paid out of general fund. Should this come out of the Flower Fund? She believes the chaplain should decide what the money is used for. The chaplain typically is in charge of flowers, cards and in the past chaplain's have made/delivered food to sick members when they get out of hospital. Brenda noted that bricks are only bought for some members – founding members, those who served for a long time. Claudia also noted that family wishes are also taken into consideration. Motion by MaryAnn and second by Judy to have the chaplain distribute the funds. Approved.

New Business: The Auxiliary was asked if they wanted to take over the fish fry. If so, the Auxiliary would get the proceeds. Discussion – that was the case a while ago but then it was changed that since the dinners were in their house, Auxiliary got \$20 plus volunteers got tips. Other proceeds went to Vets.

9/12 bake sale – Claudia

9/18 dinner – Claudia

9/27 dinner – MaryAnn

10/2 dinner – Judy

We have a bookshelf that is empty. Do we want to keep? Make it a trophy display? We will keep it in case we need it in the shed.

We have purses still that have been donated, and we've been asked about bringing it back. Judy said she'd head it up. Nov. 6, 3 p.m. Money will be distributed among our committees.

The post website and FB page haven't been maintained, and there has been interest in more communication. Theresa said she can handle this. Vets said they would link to us when their site is back up. Motion by Sally, second by Judy to move forward. Startup costs up to \$150. Approved

Bills: None

Closing Prayer: Sandra King

Respect to Colors: MaryAnn

Meeting Adjourned: 5:38