

## **AMVETS Post 2006 Auxiliary Meeting, SEPT 6, 2021**

President Claudia Thompson called the meeting to order: 4:33 p.m.

Lighting of Candles, opening Bible: Mary Ann Jarboe

Opening Prayer: Sandra King

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Ann Jarboe

Draping of the Charter in honor and memory of Faye Smack, who passed away last month.

Roll Call: PRESENT: President Claudia Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and alt SEC Sue McLaughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice & Chaplain Sandra King, Treasurer Brenda Moreland, Hospital Cindy Coletti, Secretary & Parliamentarian Theresa Walton, Sgt At Arms Maryann Jarboe, Americanism & SEC Judy Cassidy.

**EXCUSED** (working): 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Michelle Hale

Minutes of previous meeting ( Aug. 2, 2021): read and approved

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Correspondence: Requests for donations from Wounded Warriors, American Cancer Society, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. Thank you from Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of Florida Quartermaster on our condolences on the loss of her son.

Membership: New members Patsy Droske – son is active duty, Joyce Ann McCotter – daughter of a member, Liz Winton – wife of a member, Sandra Brothers – grandson is active duty. All approved. We now have 323 members. ID cards may be delayed as we have not been given the OK yet from National to submit new members. Currently the temporary IDs expire on Sept. 30. New ones will be issued until 10/31. If new members need a temporary card extension into October they should see Sue McLaughlin or another board member.

Child Welfare: Donated school supplies valued at between \$400 and \$500 were delivered to Leesburg Elementary. They were very grateful and Sandra has a thank you from them. Thank you to all who donated. 10 Auxiliary members and 1 Son assisted with the project.

Community Service: Michelle is working on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Americanism: Not shipping packages right now but the USO is helping families and soldiers returning from overseas. Judy made a motion to donate \$150 from the Americanism Fund to the USO. Cindy Coletti seconded. Passed. 4,500 coupons were sent to Germany. Judy distributed 10 Operation Ziplock bags for the homeless – 4 behind the old post, 6 on benches at Veterans Park in Leesburg. The Ziplock bags contain socks, hand wipes, hand sanitizer, peanut butter crackers, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap. Seeking donations for this project. Pull tabs – Ronald McDonald House no longer collects, but some schools are collecting. Sandra will check locally.

Note: If donating to the Service Dogs, please fill out a volunteer slip for community service.

Scholarship: If anyone would like to take on this committee please let an officer know.

Hospital: Cindy has been doing extra weeks of hot dogs at Bingo. Will continue to do so.

Old Business: Purse Auction – complaint about time due to entertainment already booked. It will start at 3 and entertainment doesn't start until 5. The auction would be sprinkled between song sets so it won't be an issue. Plus the auction brings in a crowd. Judy has letters to give to businesses when seeking donations. Sally will canvas the car dealerships along 441.

SEC: Sign up by Sept. 17. \$10. You will get it back if you attend all the meetings. Convention is Oct. 29-31  
Reminder: Service reports due by Sept. 25 to be included in the Convention report.

New Business: Rescheduled Bike Fest is Nov. 12-14. Claudia will do the breakfast again, 7 to 10 a.m. Will support Bushnell or the charity her helpers would prefer.

Bake Sale 10/10 – Theresa

Dinners: 10/2 – Judy, 10/16 – Melody, 10/25 – Claudia, 11/6 – Claudia

Theresa motioned to distribute the minutes in advance of the meeting so everyone can review. Then, at meeting, we won't have to read the minutes. Judy seconded. Approved. We will try for a month or two.

Sandra has been asked by members to host a Halloween costume party on Oct. 30. Motion by Sandra, second by Judy. Approved. Auxiliary will raise money with 50/50 and raffles.

Bills: Website (3 years hosting, private name, antivirus) - \$143.16. \$50 to family of Faye Smack.

Closing Prayer: Sandra King

Respect to Colors: MaryAnne

Meeting Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

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Secretary: Theresa Walton

President: Claudia Thompson