

ALA meeting February 25, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 by President Lynott.

Sergeant of Arms confirmed a quorum is present

Sergeant at arms advanced the colors and prepared the POW chair.

Chaplain Marilyn opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing by Tammy.

Those in attendance: Samantha Dowhower, Melissa Gebhard, Sharon Lynott, Tammy Fleisher, Emily Clark, Cathy Kissinger, Marilyn Short, Mary Beth Durst, Carol Forney, Carla Cook, Brittany Robinson, Linda Spagnolo, Laura Turns, Michele Fry, Cristy Weigel, Michele Darrah, Belinda McCottry, Marianne Shuey, Sandy Gibo, Jan Adams

Guests in attendance:

- Mary Beth Durst - new member

Secretary Report:

- Minutes are emailed monthly, no corrections needed to November minutes
 - o Tammy made motion, Kathy 2nd, motion passed

Treasurer Report:

- Banking Statement handed out – explained negative balance
- Any questions come look at book
- AEF cups on tables
- motion made to approve Melissa, Emily 2nd, motion passed

Donation requests:

- Department Children's Fund - \$150.00
- Susquehanna Service Dogs - \$300.00
- Ruth Zellers Page Ad – ½ Page - \$30
- Paper cutter for Bingo - \$35

2nd Vice:

- Thank You Notes
 - o Donna Monfelt – running for Section Vice President
 - o Tracie Seiders – running for Department President
 - o Lower Paxton K-9 Unit
 - o Panther Ram Foundation
 - o Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
 - o Lebanon VA Medical Center
 - o Deacon Weigel for the supplies
 - o Payton and Noah for the Breakfast with Santa event

President

- Military share is March 16th, if you know a Veteran or a Veteran's Family in need, please have them, sign up
- The Legion did a deep clean on March 2nd starting at 7am. Thanks for anyone that showed up and volunteered their time
- Ronald McDonald house is 3/6/24. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know. We are only allowed 6 volunteers
- The Legion is asking us to park towards Mountain Rd if they are having a function in the banquet room.
- Annual Flag Day Round-UP Chili cook-off is June 9th at 11am in Wormleysburg.
- PA Oratorical Contest will be held at our legion on March 9th at 10am. Be early or you might get locked out.
- PA Legion 77th Annual golf Tournament is June 21-23
- BBQ Dates for 2024 – 5/4, 6/1,6/22,7/13, 8/3 and 8/24
- Tri-County meeting March 9th in Middletown. Those that signed up will meet in the Legion parking lot at 8:30 am.
- **We need your volunteer hours, mileage and monies reported from April 1, 2023 to March 31st, 2024 by April 1 so Cindy can crunch the numbers for year-end reports**
- Spring Conference/Junior Convention is April 19th to the 29th at the Red Lion Hotel
- We have an Essay to take to TriCounty

A LOT OF COMMITTEES ARE VACANT, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OPEN POSITION

Membership:

- 728 paid members
- 104% of our membership goal
- \$35 for membership next year

Keystone Girls State:

- We will possibly have at least 2 girls attending this year.

Jr ALA:

- Just had the first meeting since the break
- Helped out with Breakfast with Santa
- Will be helping out with Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and yard Sales
- Will need baked good donations for yard sale

Poppy Fund:

- Carla is working on the signs around the bar again, got permission from Robert to put them up
- Donations of any size for the signs.

Sunshine:

- 2 Sympathy cards sent to Crystal P.

Yard Sale:

- Scheduled for 5/11

Old business:

- There is a new dress code for the Legion which is in effect now
 - o No Clothing with profanity or obscene graphics will be permitted
 - o Clothing without shoulder straps or that reveals excessive cleavage, tattoos, back, stomach or undergarments, or is too tight, as determined by the Senior HA person on duty, is not appropriate.
 - o Patrons may wear sleeveless shirts/tank tops in the facility from Memorial Day to Labor Day, from opening to 4pm only on weekdays. Women are allowed sleeveless tops at any time but absolutely no tank tops.
- Honor Guard is still in need of members. They only have a few that can be there during the week days. You do not have to be a Veteran and if you attend at least 5 functions they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform.
- If you ordered T-shirts, Sharon has them. Payment is expected cash or check only please
- Central Section Oratorical was Feb 18th, we were represented by Debbie Vaughn who was one of the judges.

New Business

- Breakfast w the Easter Bunny 3/23
 - o Marilyn Short and Laura Turns will head
 - o Will need volunteers for day of and day before for set up if interested sign up in the canteen on the bulletin board
 - o charge \$5 per adult, kids free
- Memorial Day Parade Meetings have started
 - o Poppy Princess – Brittany R's Daughter

Upcoming Bingo Proceeds:

- March 12 – Kilts and Candy
- April 9th – Lupus
- May 7th – MS Foundation
- June 4th – Vickie's Angel Foundation
 - o Motion Made by Tammy to accept – 2nd by Marilyn – motion passed

Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly. They must be handed in by April 1st so Cindy can crunch the numbers for year end reports*

Next meeting is March 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.