

ALA meeting March 24, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 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.

Those in attendance: Samantha Dowhower, Melissa Gebhard, Sharon Lynott, Cathy Kissinger, Danielle Maneval, Marilyn Short, Emily Clark, Michele Darrah, Michele Fry, Sandy Gibo, Jill Damico, Ruth Jeannerat, MaryAnn Gajar, Brittany Robinson, Mary Beth Durst, Laura Turns, Marianne Shuey, Carla Cook, Cristy Weigel, Erendira McCleary, Belinda McCottry

Guests in attendance: None

Secretary Report:

- Minutes are emailed monthly, no corrections needed to February minutes
- Cathy made motion to accept, 2nd by Marilyn. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

- absent

Donation Request:

- Building Fund Tickets – We are selling again this year
 - ALA to buy 10 tickets for \$50
 - Marilyn made a motion, Cristy 2nd, motion passed
- Eagle Scout, Caleb (Cristy Weigle grandson) sent a letter asking for us to purchase or donate money for discounts cards to go towards Lower Paxton Police Dept
 - \$200 motion made by Emily, 2nd by Brittany – motion passed
- Eagle Scout, Braden Edris, sent letter asking for funds to help cover postage to mail care packages to the Bravo Company 111 Infantry, they have been deployed since December and won't come back to the end of the year.
 - \$200 motion made by Marilyn, 2nd by Danielle – motion passed

2nd Vice:

1st Vice:

President

- Military Share is 4/20/24. Please let us know if there are any veterans or families in need
- Legion is closed for repairs the following days: 3/30, 3/31, 4/01, 4/02. There will be no bingo on 4/02
- Purple Up Day is 4/15. Please wear purple in support of Military Children

President (continued)

- Tri County is 5/4 in Shippensburg. That is also our first BBQ so we will need to decide who is going to Tri County and staying back to help out.
- Linglestown Paintball wants to preorder BBQs – will be figuring out with the Sons
- Year End Reports are due – Please turn in any volunteer sheets by April 1st. You can email them and we will forward them on.

Membership:

- 109% for the year, 764 paid members
- 1st Place at Tri County

Jr ALA:

- Had their meeting 3/24
- Helped at the Easter Bunny Breakfast,
- Will be at Convention 4/19 and 4/20, already paid for hotel rooms for the girls
- Will need donation for bake sale for the yard sale on 5/11 and a BBQ to be determined.
 - You can drop off donations the night before or morning of the Yard Sale

Poppy Fund:

- JR ALA helped put together posters for In Memory of Posters that go around the bar. You can get one for a donation of any amount

Sunshine:

- Sent a Get Well card to Mary Knull

Keystone Girls:

- We have 1 girl possibly 2 for this year.

Yard Sale:

- Next Yard Sale is 5/11
- This will be Amanda's last time chairing the yard sale committee, we will need someone to step up and handle the 2 yard sales we do every year. These are big money makers for the ALA.
- Amanda is willing to give you her formula on how it works.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny:

- Was a huge success
- 64 signed up, 52 came
- \$5 per adult worked out great, we made \$280 to help offset the cost
- Laura is taking over next year and will need a co-chair.

Old Business:

- June 9th Chili Cook Off plus Open House of the ALA Building

Old Business (continued):

- PA American Legion 77th Annual Golf tournament is June 21-23rd
- Honor Guard is still in need of members, especially if you can help during the week days. You do **NOT** need to be a member and if you attend at least 5 functions, they will pay for your membership and supply your uniform
- Still have T-shirts if you ordered, plus we have some extra. If you would like one, cash or check made out to Sharon Lynott only please. We can also order if we don't have your style or size available.
- Memorial Day Parade Meeting will be starting soon
 - responsible for decorating speakers stand, registering participants, directing them to their respective staging areas, keeping the list for the announcer accurate (as possible), walking in the parade, handing out candy, dog biscuits and poppies, helping the Sons hand out hot dogs and drinks at the end
- Spring Conference/Junior Convention is April 19th and 20
- Cathy made a motion to go back to old volunteer system, no limits no sign up – motion passed

New Business:

- August 17th is Member Appreciation Day
- July 6th at Hero's Grove – we need to decide if we want to do the Midway carnival

BINGO Proceed:

- April 9th – Lupus Foundation
- May 7th – MS Foundation
- June 4th – Vickie's Angel Foundation
- July 2nd – Gold Star Mothers

****Please make sure you are handing in your volunteer hour sheets at least quarterly. ****

Next meeting is April 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.