

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
May 2024 Meeting Notes
Meeting Date/Time: 05/07/2024 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Powell

Prayer led by Chaplin Martha Bloomfield

Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble recited by all members.

Auxiliary Mission Statement recited by President Michelle Powell

Roll Call of Officers:	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
President- Michelle Powell	X	
1 st Vice- Denise Wycherley		X
2 nd Vice- Sandy Koontz		X
Secretary- Courtney Clark	X	
Treasurer- Paula McCroskey	X	
Chaplain Martha Bloomfield	X	
Sgt at Arms- Marcia Bolner	X	

Other Members Present: Janet Jaquay, Lois Sine-Hoffman, Melissa Stegman

New Members Present: Pam McNeil, Ruth Ann Stoehr

Application completed and dues paid after the meeting.

Total Present: 10

Total Voting Members: 7

SECRETARY:

Minutes from March 2024 meetings were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.

Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Marcia Bolner. Discussion: None. In favor 7, Against 0, Motion carried.

Minutes from April 2024 meetings were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.

Motion made by Melissa Stegman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman. Discussion: None. In favor 7, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Finance Report for March and April 2024 provided by Treasurer Paula McCroskey.

Written report submitted and placed in meeting notes binder.

March- General Fund Beginning Balance \$2,648.64
Deposits: \$50 from Jackson Law Office
Expenditures: 0
General Fund Ending balance \$2,698.64

March- Poppy Fund Beginning Balance \$338.55
Deposit/s: None
Expenditure/s: None
Poppy Fund Ending Balance \$338.55

Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept March 2024 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Martha Bloomfield. Discussion: None. In favor 7, Against 0, Motion carried.

April- General Fund Beginning Balance \$2,698.64
Deposits: \$1500 Ohio County Commission
\$60 in dues
\$913 from District 1 Spring Conference
Expenditures: \$1800 to Girl's State
\$510 to Chef Adam Luiso for District 1 Spring Conference
\$145.75 to Michelle Powell for supplies
\$200 in change for District 1 Spring Conference
\$5 to Department Veteran's Welfare Fund
General Fund Ending balance \$2,510.89

April- Poppy Fund Beginning Balance \$338.55
Deposit/s: None
Expenditure/s: None
Poppy Fund Ending Balance \$338.55

Motion made by Marcia Bolner to accept April 2024 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Janet Jaquay. Discussion: None. In favor 7, Against 0, Motion carried.

President's Report:

1st District Spring Conference was held 04/20/24.

- Wheeling has not hosted a conference since 1989.
- Wheeling volunteered to hold the Spring Conference to show of the newly remodeled building.

End of Year Reports

- President Powell submitted reports at Spring Conference on 04/20/24.

Auxiliary Magazine (received quarterly)

- On page 48 there is an article about the Post re: the podcast that was done on the building in 2023.
- Commander Powell requested the husband/wife team, Dan and Laura Keil, return to the Post following the remodel.

Sick Call and Relief:

Lois Sine-Hoffman's husband has an appointment re: heart.

Dave Shoney from Moundsville Post 3 is attending PT for falling from a tree.

Membership:

Pam McNeil- husband, Bruce, is joining the Legion Post 1. He was in the Navy. Bruce is also a Shriner and a member of Legion of Honor.

Ruth Ann Stoehr- husband is joining the Legion Post 1. He was in the Marines and served 3 tours in Vietnam.

Old Business:

Constitution & By-Laws

- President Powell has not received any information/contact from Lisa Cadwallader.

Tax-Exempt

- Secretary Clark will complete the IRS 990 but needs the EIN number.
- President Powell spoke with a local accountant. Unit has never had over \$3,500 in the bank account. Unit would need to pay \$600 to get tax exempt status re-established.

Unit Bank Account

- United Bank doesn't offer free checking for Veteran organizations.

Membership

- Courtney Clark will continue to handle chairman responsibilities for membership. Courtney made a motion for the Unit to pay \$20 per year for full access to the Department Membership portal starting August 1. This access would permit the Unit to update membership, new members and pay dues online rather than through the mail. Lois Sine-Hoffman seconded the motion. All in favor 7, opposed 0. Motion carried.

Wear Purple Day

- April 15th for Children & Youth Day to support military families.

Business After Hours

- May 2 for Chamber of Commerce open house at the Post. Only 8-10 Chamber members were signed up therefore the event was canceled due to previously scheduled conflict.

Paint & Sip

- May 23 @ 6 PM with Roxane Bruce. This is a fundraiser for the Post, Unit and Home Corp. Flyer has been posted on Facebook and circulated.

Poppy Day

- May 26th (Sunday of Memorial Day weekend) @ Cabela's in Wheeling. Melissa Stegman made a motion to postpone the event as it is the end of school and holiday weekend and move it to later in the year (possibly October).

New Business:

Memorial Day Event

- May 27th at Waterfront/Heritage Port. Ceremony will be at 11 AM.

Family Picnic

- July 5th at Post 1 in conjunction with Elm Grove Civics Fireworks

1st District Picnic

- July 28th at Benwood Park. Members are asked to bring a dessert.

Post 1 @ Wild Things Game

- August 17th @ 5:30 PM, Game at 7:05 PM. \$30 per person. RVSP to John Powell. Payment is due by July 15th.

1st District Fall Conference

- October 20th at Pine Grove, WV

ELECTIONS

President- Courtney Clark nominated Michelle Powell to continue as President.

1st Vice- Melissa Stegman agreed to take this position.

2nd Vice- Denise Wycherley agreed to take position (via phone call prior to meeting).

Secretary- Courtney Clark agreed to keep position.

Treasurer- Paula agreed to keep position.

Chaplin- Martha Bloomfield agreed to keep position.

Sgt-At-Arms- Marcia Bolner agreed to keep position.

Historian- Sandy Koontz agreed to take position (via phone call prior to meeting).

Floor open for discussion or for other members to volunteer for a position.

Martha Bloomfield made a motion to accept positions as filled. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman. All in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Committee Reports: No updates requested.

Committee Chairs: tabled until June meeting.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: June 4, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplin Martha Bloomfield

Closing Statement: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 8:01 PM
Quarter Drill for Children & Youth fund

Notes Taken: 05/07/2024
Typed: 05/13/2024

Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President