

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
November 2024 Meeting Notes
Meeting Date/Time: 11/05/2024 @ 7:01 PM

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Powell

Prayer led by Melissa Stegman

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- Melissa Stegman	X	
2 nd Vice- Denise Wycherley		X
Secretary- Courtney Clark	X	
Treasurer-		
Chaplain Martha Bloomfield		X
Sgt at Arms- Marcia Bolner	X	
Historian Sandy Koontz	X	

Other Members Present: Sandra Cardwell, Diana Mey, Lois Sine- Hoffman

New Members: Denise Abell, Sharon Ebbert, Peggy Niebergall

Guest: Rebecca Haley (Sandy Koontz's sister)

Total Present: 11

Total Voting Members: 10

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the October 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.

Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Marcia Bolner. Discussion: None. In favor 10, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Finance Report for October 2024 provided by Courtney Clark. Treasurer position is vacant.

OLD ACCOUNT @ UNITED

General Fund Ending Balance \$2,503.05

Poppy Fund Ending Balance \$313.55

NEW ACCOUNT @ UNITED

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Michelle shared with members that the Unit lost tax exempt status in 2012 and has been working with CPS Gompers on the matter. Gompers filed for WV Business license and obtained a new EIN number for Unit 1. He has filed for tax exempt status which will take 2-3 weeks for a response. Gompers recommended the Unit close the old bank accounts and open new accounts. The Unit is fundraising by selling Gift Card raffle tickets to offset Gompers' fees. The current raffle is for a \$300 Kroger Gift Card to Kroger. The Unit will profit \$950 when the raffle is completed. Unit is selling 250 tickets at \$5.00/each. Michelle does not have an invoice/bill from Gompers but is estimating between \$2750-\$3750 for the whole process. \$900 in donations have been received to date.

Michelle and Courtney went to United Bank, Wheeling, on 11/05/24 and closed the old account and opened a new general fund and poppy fund account.

Motion made by Sandy Koontz to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman. Discussion: None. In favor 10, Against 0, Motion carried.

President's Report

Meetings

- Regular meetings are once/month on the first Tuesday.
- Michelle would like for the Auxiliary to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for Fun Night. This would be held at 7 PM during the Legionnaire's second meeting of the month (on the same date/time). During this time, members can socialize, play games, watch movies, bring snacks, etc. The first one will be 11/19/24 @ 7 PM.

Department Headquarters Yearly Fundraiser- Means & Ways

- Tickets are \$20 each and based on the WV Lottery Daily 3

Department Commander & President Dinner

- Michelle and John Powell attended at Post 16, Huntington, WV

Sick Call & Relief

None

New Member

Michelle welcomed new members Denise Abell, Sharon Ebbert and Peggy Niebergall.

Old Business:

West Liberty Elementary Halloween Parade

- The parade was held on 10/31/24. Legionnaire Ellis Harding attends college at West Liberty and participated in the Parade by handing out coloring books/crayons.
- Michelle made copies of a Legion Auxiliary Coloring Book and Ellis donated crayons.

District 1 Fall Conference

- Michelle and Marcie Bolner attended the conference in Pine Grove on 10/20/24.

Fundraising

- Auxiliary will continue raising funds for the fees for CPA Gompers by selling a Walmart Card and Miklas Gift Card....once the Kroger card tickets are sold.

Veteran's Day

- Scheduled 11/11/24 @ 11 AM at Wesbanco.
- Michelle asked her granddaughters to attend put the Military Children's Table items on the table. Michelle asked all members to invite their grandchildren to attend and help.

Wheeling Christmas Parade

- Scheduled 11/22/24 @ 6 PM

Legion Family Christmas Party

- Scheduled 12/06/24 @ 6 PM
- Chef Adam will be donating chicken and salad
- Members are asked to bring a pot luck side dish

Poppy Day

- Scheduled 12/07/24 @ Cabela's @ 10 AM to 5 PM
- Legionnaires will be assisting as they will be recruiting new members.

Department Mid-Winter Conference

- Scheduled for February 7-8, 2024 @ Oglebay

National Commander Visit & Legion Birthday Celebration

- Scheduled 03/21/25
- Business attire

Legion Steak Fry

- Scheduled 04/04/25

Committee Reports:

Americanism- Lois Sine-Hoffman had no updates.

- Michelle had a second coloring book that she can make copies for that can be passed out at the local elementary school. Lois is aware that she needs to contact Ohio County Schools Board to start the process.
- Michelle also plans to hand out the coloring books at Poppy Day on 12/07/24.

Constitution & By-Laws

- Article 7, Section 2 → It has been suggested that the Unit have 2 signatures on the checkbook. The reasoning is if the one person who has their name on it passes away, that person's family could remove all money from the account.

- Article 9, Section 4 → Unit needs to remove paying for registration fees to conferences, hotels, and gas reimbursement. May add “if funds are available.”
- Michelle will submit the changes to Department for approval.
- Motion made by Diana Mey to make corrections and submit to Department. Motion seconded by Marcia Bolner. Discussion: None. In favor 10, Against 0, Motion carried.

Membership

- Courtney advised as of 11/05/24 we have 9 previous members and 1 new member paid. At the meeting, 5 new members signed up/paid.

Correspondence:

None

For the Good of the Unit:

- Melissa mentioned Sport Your Colors in Warwood, WV has the Unit’s emblem, and you can have a red shirt embroidered to wear to events.
- Michelle added Flag & Emblem (online/website) also sells Auxiliary shirts.

Next Meeting:

Fun Night- November 19, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Monthly Meeting 0 December 3, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Melissa Stegman

Closing Statement: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 7:44 PM
Quarter Drill for Education

Notes Taken: 11/05/24

Typed: 11/06/24

Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President