

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
October 2024 Meeting Notes
Meeting Date/Time: 10/01/2024 @ 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- 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: Nancy Kish and Sandra Cardwell (new member)

Total Present: 5

Total Voting Members: 4

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark. Motion made by Martha Bloomfield to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Sandra Cardwell. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

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

General Fund Beginning and End Balance \$2,531.87

Zero Deposits and Zero Expenditures

Poppy Fund Beginning and End Balance \$343.55

Zero Deposits and Zero Expenditures

Motion made by Martha Bloomfield to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Nancy Kish. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

President's Report

- Laura Clark is the Department's 2024-2025 President. She is holding Zoom calls once/month.
- Laura Clark mentioned Unit 1 is leading District 1 in membership.
- Laura's Special Project is purchasing AEDs.
 - An AED costs \$2200 each and the goal is to purchase 5 and put them in the Veteran's Home
- Means & Ways Department fundraiser
 - Tickets are \$20 each and based on the WV Lottery Daily 3
 - In May John Powell won \$25
 - In June Lois Sine and Melissa Stegman won \$25
 - In August Dave Rose won \$25 and John Powell won \$100
 - In September Courtney Clark won \$25
- Tax Exempt
 - The Unit lost tax exempt status in 2012 which was 5 presidents ago.
 - Michelle's goal as President is to obtain the active status.
 - Michelle spoke with CPA Ted Gompers provided a list of documents needed to file for new exempt status.
 - Anonymous donor gave \$600 for IRS.
 - Unit has \$2000 in bank account.
 - Unit plans to sell 250 tickets for \$300 Kroger Gift Card. Other plans are for Walmart Gift Card and Miklas Meat Gift Card to pay for the estimated cost of Gompers' fees and services of \$2750-\$3750.
 - Michelle will cover the cost of raffle tickets.
 - Motion made by Courtney Clark to start and complete the tax-exempt process. Motion seconded by Nancy Kish. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

Sick Call & Relief

- Sandy Koontz, Marcia Bolner
- Chaplain Martha Bloomfield provided a prayer.

New Member

Michelle welcomed new member Sandra Cardwell

Old Business:

Military Children's Table

- Michelle explained to members that the table is for holidays and ceremonies. It is to honor a Veteran's child/ren of the parent/family member who is deployed.
- This is in addition to POW/MIA table at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.
- A picture of a family is still needed to complete the items.

Legion Meeting

- Michelle attended the Legion meeting and requested the men have their wife/partner join the Auxiliary.

Benefit for Dr Vaske

- Powells attended a benefit for pediatrician Dr Vaske on 09/15/24. They reported a great turnout.

New Business:

Mandatory Fund

- To be in good standing with the Department, Unit 1 needs to send monetary funds for scholarships, Girls' State, Veterans Fund, and Bonding
- Unit should give 10% of Poppy Fund

Motion made by Courtney Clark to pay \$25...\$20.00 to Department or \$5.00 to each scholarships, Girls' State, Veterans Fund, and Bonding; and, \$5.00 to Poppy Fund.

Motion seconded by Martha Bloomfield. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

Upcoming Events

District 1 Fall Conference

- Scheduled 10/20/24 @ 9 AM in Pine Grove, WV.

Veteran's Day

- Scheduled 11/11/24 @ 11 AM at Wesbanco.

Wheeling Christmas Parade

- Scheduled 11/22/24 @ 6 PM

Legion Family Christmas Party

- Scheduled 12/06/24 @ 6 PM

Poppy Day

- Scheduled 12/07/24 @ Cabela's

Post 1 Baseball- National Celebration

- Scheduled 12/27/24

National Commander Visit & Legion Birthday Celebration

- Scheduled 03/21/25

- Business attire

Legion Steak Fry

- Scheduled 04/04/25

Committee Reports:

Constitution & By-Law- Michelle Powell advised our local documents need to be changed per National Convention information.

Membership- To date, Unit 1 had 15 paid members; 13 senior, 1 junior, and 1 new member.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: November 5, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplin Martha Bloomfield

Closing Statement: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 7:42 PM
Quarter Drill for Education

Notes Taken: 10/01/24

Typed: 11/05/24

Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President