

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
September 2024 Meeting Notes
Meeting Date/Time: 09/03/2024 @ 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 |
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| 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: Lois Sine-Hoffman, Diana Mey

Total Present: 7

Total Voting Members: 6

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the August 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.
Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Martha Bloomfield. Discussion: None. In favor 6, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Finance Report for August 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 Sandy Koontz to accept the August 2024 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Lois Sine-Hoffman. Discussion: None. In favor 6, Against 0, Motion carried.

President's Report

- National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - o Michelle Powell was voted in as a delegate at the Department of WV summer convention in July 2024. She reported the National Convention discussed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. She attended the Constitution and By-Laws workshop and advised local unit that our Constitution and By-Laws will need to be amended to include the changes.

Sick Call & Relief

- None

Old Business:

Military Children's Table

- Items collected potted plant, spade, baseball glove, and ball, birthday cake, tablecloth and flag.
- Items still needed include ballet slippers (Courtney will purchase) and family picture
- Lois will provide a tote/bin for items to be stored/transported.

Fundraising Committee

- Legion Birthday Ball is scheduled for March 21, 2025 (Friday)
- Steak Fry is scheduled April 4, 2025 (Friday)
 - o Melissa Stegman mentioned Texas Roadhouse offers steak and chicken and they will cook the food. \$13.99 for meat, potato, and rolls.
- Miklas Meat Market- Gift Card Raffle # 2

Legion at Washington Wild Things Baseball Game

- Michelle shared attendees had a good time. There was food, fellowship (20 people) and a Wild Things win.

Chef N Company

- Chef Adam will be holding fundraiser at the Post on 09/15/24 for Dr Vaske (pediatrician) from 12-5 PM.

1st District Fall Conference

- October 20th at Byrd Center in Pine Grove, WV
- Registration is 9:00-10:00 AM. Members will leave at 7 AM.

Tax Exempt

- Sandy and Michelle met with CPA Gompers and Michelle provided the bank statements and all other requested documents.
- Per Federal IEN lookup, Unit 1 lost the EIN number in 2012 and the charter was opened September 2023.

- United Bank paperwork showed the account was opened on June 2, 2014.
- CPS Gompers suggested the Unit start over and apply for a new EIN number, pay the \$600 for tax status and open a new account at the bank.

New Business:

Poppy Day

- Scheduled for December 7th at Cabela's with the Legion and Son's

Committee Reports:

Americanism- Lois Sine-Hoffman

Constitution & By-Law- Michelle Powell

Girls' State- Michelle Powell

Membership- Courtney Clark

To date, goal is 26. Unit has 6 regular members and 1 junior member paid.

Correspondence: None

Anything else to come before the unit

Poppy Fund

- Courtney Clark made a motion to use Poppy Fund money to pay for a unit member's 2025 membership dues. Motion seconded by Sandy Koontz.
Discussion: None. All in favor 6, opposed 0.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Chaplin Martha Bloomfield

Closing Statement: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 8 PM

Quarter Drill for Education

Notes Taken: 09/3/24

Typed: 09/16/24

Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President