

ALA Meeting

November 21, 2021

Called to order at 1:33 pm by Michelle Zandome

Quorum met – Attendees: Michelle Zandome, Danielle Maneval, Cathy Kissinger, Patti Trout, Suzanne Sheaffer, Tammy Fleisher, MaryAnn Gajar, Jody Gervel, Linda Spagnolo, Elaine Sharon, Linda O'Connor, Carla Cook, Marilyn Short, Brittany Robinson, Carolyn Young, Claudia Alicea, Jesica Lamparter and M. Belinda McCottry

Welcome new member Carolyn Young – a transfer from Lawnton.

Motion made to not read prior month's minutes since they are emailed out and posted on the Post website. Seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Tammy will be transferring funds from checking to savings. Cathy made a motion to accept report. Danielle seconded. Motion passed.

Motion made by Tammy to donate \$500 for comfort items for the VA hospital. Seconded by Marilyn. Passed

Motion made by Tammy to donate the meal in January for the VA residents. Seconded by Carla. Passed

Motion made by Tammy to donate \$200 to the Nutripack program at CDS. Seconded by Linda O. Passed

1st vice – no volunteer / service hours forms today. Constitution and by-laws are currently being reviewed and will be ready to present the first draft to membership at our next meeting in February.

Tri-County December 4 at 9 am at Penbrook Legion – \$10 per person – must provide own transportation. Asking for donation of new clothing items for the Lebanon VA.

Tri-County will be held at our Post in March. Meeting is quarterly. Michelle to confirm the exact date of the March Meeting.

Secretary – thank you letters from the VA and PA Breast Cancer Coalition read.

Christkindlmarket – December 11 from 10 – 4

There will be a meeting here in the Commander's Room on December 6 at 6 pm for the Volunteers.

Jackets have been ordered for the volunteers. Maryann will be the Chaplain opening the event. Honor Guard will be posting the colors.

Legion College – lots of information to process. It was broken out into 2 options; officers roles and ALA programs.

Comfort items can be dropped in the donation boxes. Tracy will be picking them up. Marilyn Short offered to drop them off. Items requested are:

- Body wash / lotion
- Baby powder
- Toothpaste / toothbrushes
- Denture tablets / adhesive
- Denture cups

- Ear plugs
- Reading glasses
- Alcohol free mouthwash
- K-cups for coffee
- Deodorant (men and women)
- Alfa pre-shave
- Sweatshirts / Sweatpants – all sizes

Membership – vacant – Michelle is discussing the role with a couple of different candidates. All new memberships have been processed. Goal is 475 we are at 300 = 62% of goal.

Jr Activities – first meeting was this past Thursday. Next one is December 8 at 6pm. There were 6 attendees including one son. They will be participating in Christkindlemarket – they will teach flag folding and ornaments made with poppies! All ages up to 18 welcome. They will have elections in January 10 at 6 pm. They will be meeting with their counterparts on the ALA.

Poppies – nothing to report

Sunshine – Melissa Zimmerman sympathy card / Bernie Lyons get well

ALA Girls State – June / Shippensburg. We will sponsor a High School Junior. Info to be sent to local High Schools. ROTC at John Harris has ROTC females. Michelle will reach out to the person running the ROTC.

Halloween Party – smashing success

Veteran's Day Breakfast – first annual – 88 reservations but did not turn anyone away! May be something similar on Memorial Day.

Breakfast with Santa – Danielle put flyers up. Sign up sheet in the daily book. Craft – coloring books and crayons. Sons/ Riders sponsoring the milk. Volunteers are needed for food prep. See Cathy or Danielle.

Veteran's Holiday Dinner - \$1000 for food was approved by the Legion. Will open up to the Legion's veterans. Check first with Ken on how to handle – invitations.

Cookies – home made will repeat. NEED volunteers.

Need a chair for breakfast with the easter bunny.

Also need a chair for the Memorial Day breakfast.

Old business? None

New business – Cathy K - 1st chicken BBQ is May 14. They are going to offer a pork BBQ sandwich a few weeks before.

Kayleigh still not back to work. We need helpers for decorating. This Saturday, November 27th @ 8 am.

Gift of Giving Tree – kids in need or Veterans in need. Ornaments – available at the bar. There will be a sign directing when / where to pick up. If there are some that have not been taken off the tree – there is an anonymous donor that has given us up to \$1000 to make the purchases.

Someone is bringing us a truckload of toys and we have dolls and trucks in the closet. If we have toys leftover, we can donate them.

There was a question about how we can help the homeless veterans living near the PennDot building. Michelle will reach out to an ALA member at 730.

Next meeting February 27 @ 6 pm Executive Board / 6:30 general meeting.

Don't forget the emergency fund cups.

As it relates to inclement weather, we do have an ALA facebook page. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 272. You must request permission to access.

Meeting adjourned at 230 pm.