

Minutes of the regular Monthly Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Colchester, Unit 91 held on July 17, 2019 at 3650 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT

Opening ceremonies were held and the meeting was called to order at 1805 by Rhonda Mace. There were 6 members present. Chaplain Mary Berthiaume opened the meeting with a prayer.

Vice President Rhonda Mace led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Auxiliary Preamble

Roll call of unit officers was performed.

Present: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rhonda Mace, Secretary Barbara Liberty, Treasurer Shirley Patrick, Chaplain Mary Berthiaume, Historian Elaine MacKenzie, Executive Committee Member at Large Margaret Rutledge.

Roll call of Past Presidents was performed: Elaine MacKenzie and Margaret Rutledge were present.

Minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting were read by Barbara Liberty and stand as read.

#### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer's report was read by Shirley Patrick, Treasurer

- The ending treasury balance is \$11,765.30

Membership report was read by Elaine MacKenzie

- Elaine MacKenzie made a motion the Auxiliary will pay the past year President's dues for one year. Barbara Liberty seconded the motion; motion passed.
  - The Auxiliary will pay Gail Wixon's dues for 2020.
- Elaine MacKenzie made a motion that the Unit will vote each year to determine which other past President's dues will be paid. Margaret Rutledge seconded the motion; motion passed.
- Elaine MacKenzie made a motion the Unit will pay for those members who hold dual memberships for 2020. Dual members this year are Barbara

Bashaw, Jessica Patenaude, and Brenda Jennings. Motion seconded by Mary Berthiaume; motion passed.

Bingo report was reviewed by Magi Rutledge and the following updates are noted:

- BINGO profits for June were \$53; for July with new format \$119
- Cards will be color coded so that players will know which cards are for what games.
- Rhonda Mace reports she received positive and exciting feedback about the new BINGO format

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The open committees requiring leadership were reviewed and many members volunteered to take on as noted below:

MEMBERSHIP-Elaine MacKenzie

The membership report was read by Elaine MacKenzie; see report

AMERICANISM-no committee at this time

AEF- no committee at this time

CHILDREN & YOUTH- Shirley Patrick

COMMUNITY SERVICE- Shirley Patrick

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS-Elaine McKenzie

EDUCATION-Rhonda Mace

GREEN MOUNTAIN GIRL'S STATE- Mary Berthiaume

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES- no committee at this time

LEADERSHIP- Elaine McKenzie

LEGISLATIVE- no committee at this time

NATIONAL SECURITY- no committee at this time

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY- Elaine McKenzie

POPPY- Rhonda Mace

PUBLIC RELATIONS- no committee at this time

VA&R- Barbara Liberty

VA/VS- Barbara Liberty

SERVICE TO VETERANS- Barbara Liberty

### **UNIT CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed by the members and all agreed to send the annual \$100 to the Food Bank; the requests from Girl Scouts and Camp-Ta-Kum-Ta were reviewed and no action will be taken on them at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Review of dinner needs for Thursday 7/18/19 and it appears there will be enough support for providing a successful event.
  - Meal will be white fish, rice pilaf, peas & carrots and ice cream
- Elaine MacKenzie will try to group emails for all members. Given the email system that is used she will have to send email communications out in batches as we currently have more than 325 members in the Auxiliary
- Elaine MacKenzie has the original rules for scholarship application and awarding and will get to Rhonda
- Rhonda Mace will communicate with Bob Gilhooly to ensure he received all Auxiliary email addresses
  - There will be a link included in the email that will access to the newsletters.
  - Auxiliary minutes will be posted in the newsletter

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Rhonda Mace reported that Tamira from Canal House will attend the Auxiliary meeting in August and educate all members present about the work that is done at Canal House and how this group may support the efforts.
- Elaine MacKenzie reported that Corrina Colson, District President has 2 projects and it is expected that the Auxiliary support the projects. The projects are to raise money in support of the Honor Flight for the Vets of (\$600/ chaperone) and Adaptive Sports (Rutland, VT). More information and details to follow at future meetings.
- Rhonda Mace an idea for a fund raiser called-Take Over the Tap by 14<sup>th</sup> Star Brewery. More information and planning to occur at future meetings.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 2020 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Post #91. Mary Berthiaume would like to take the lead role in planning an event commemorating such.
- 2021 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Post #91 Auxiliary formation and that will be rolled into the Post celebration.

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Chaplain Mary Berthiaume read the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1919. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Liberty  
Unit 91 Secretary