

Joint meeting of Legion Post 2 and Auxiliary Unit 2
November 6, 2012
Fargo downtown American Legion

Call to Order: 7:31pm

Opening Prayer: Auxiliary Chaplain Adele Salveson

Star Spangled Banner

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to the Constitution of American Legion

Presiding: Post Commander Brad Aune and Auxiliary President Mavis Goodroad

Guest-Katie Smith (Caregiver Support Coordinator) discussing the Caregiver Program through the VA which helps the families and caregivers of veterans. Most are post 9-11 veterans and their families. Also talked about the play being put on Sunday, November 11. They gathered dialogue from marines that returned from active duty and put it directly into play form. (Through Theater B in downtown Fargo). Friday in Grand Forks at Empire Theater. Sunday at the Fargo Legion at 3pm. Also in Bismarck on November 17. Two other later opportunities in Fargo at the VA on November 20. There will be veterans support after the play.

Adjutant: Dave Johnson-Charter to NDSU Post 400 (new post for campus). Roughly 1200 veterans on campus that provide the energy and ideas to have a post. Roughly 30 people have shown interest already. Saturday November 10 presentation. Opportunities for "cyber-post" with at home and active duty members. It is a transitional post.

November 16-17 is Department Strategic Planning meeting at the Doublewood. Develop a missions plan and series of goals.

Post minutes have been posted in the back. Unit 2 minutes are also posted

Finance Officer: Tommy Tollman

Some debt has been paid off. \$5000 income from memberships and Pickled Parrot. Still in the red on some accounts. Had to pay some on the downtown improvement district

2nd Vice Commander: Michele Olson

-Color Guard (Will Hebert): Three funerals in October, Posted colors once

-Bike shop-No report

-Boys State: (Brent Ryder)-still generating interest from schools, a push to try to gain more applicants, read about Boys state on ND Legion website

-Baseball (Hank Dylie)(Dave Johnston reporting) Athletics-tickets now available for Feb 4 baseball banquet, working on schedule for summer

-Band (Cathy Keogh)-RRVVCB has five concerts on Sunday. Two weeks ago the band performed at the Fergus Fall MN Veterans Home. She has information if anyone is interested

3rd Vice Commander:Brent Ryder

-VA report-healing gardens are moving along as planned but can still use more donations (money and items).

-Thank you for \$200 gift from the Post. November 11 is special programs for the vets.

-United Patriotic Bodies (Brad Aune)-shared events of the Nov 11, Veteran's Memorial Bridge, parade from depot to civic, program at Civic Center.

District Commander: No Report

1st Vice Commander: Dave Johnston

731 members and have met membership goal, 394 left, will be working on membership drives

Sickness and Distress: Vern Useldinger:

Hank Dylie (knee replaced) and Wendall Thorstad (nursing home), Earnie Schmitt passed away, Bill Hanson also passed away

Auxiliary President: Mavis Goodroad

Treasurers Report: none (Barb Nash-absent)(see Attachment 1-added June 2013)

2nd Vice: LaVonne Matthews-membership at 153

1st Vice: Brandi Aune: All coupon books are sold (200)

Cradle and Get Well: (added June 2013)

sympathy card to Ione Gebeke and family on death of Judy Sellers

Get well card- Bonnie Lorz

Call for unfinished business: none

Any new business:

- Clarification on parade start-Depot to Civic Center on Broadway
- Sign up sheets for helping with vegetable prep on Saturday (brief meeting after for coordination)
- Proposed Christmas party-joint party with Post and Unit the second Tuesday of December, Rob from Pickled Parrot may be able to cater for us
- Mavis is planning a childrens Christmas party with Operation Military Kids, children up to the age of 14, December 15 from 11:30-2:30 at the Fargo Legion.
- Veterans Day-got some donations for paper products, working on donations from Hornbachers/Sunmart (bread, cookies), got money for potatoes, veggies- need stew for at least 450 people
- Betty Stone is living at Sheyenne Crossing
- Pass the Helmet-Proceeds to healing garden at VA
- Recommendation for Paul Laney as Department Law Enforcement Officer of the year. Motion carries
- Rob from Pickled Parrot is shortening the hours. Will now open at 4pm versus earlier. There are not enough customers prior to that time. Will be closed on Sundays. Bar will not be open Veterans Day unless requested. Brad will call him and let him know that the bar needs to be staffed the Sunday of Veterans Day.
- Mavis-Sam's Club hosting a breakfast Sunday morning for all veterans and families. Three day passes available as well

Thank you to hostesses from Auxiliary for providing snacks

National contacted Dave Johnson to have a townhall meeting on womens issues in December. Brad will look into this.

Please welcome new Post member Larry Harper

Closing Prayer: Auxiliary Chaplain Adele Salveson

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Minutes submitted January 6, 2013
Amended minutes with corrections June 16, 2013
Secretary: Shauna Dubuque

**American Legion Auxiliary
Gilbert C. Grafton, Post #2
Financial Report
October 2012**

Balance on Hand General Account 09/30/12: **3906.04**

Receipts:

Interest	.12
Money March	11.00
Preferred Books Sales (107 books)	2140.00
Renewals	2504.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **4655.12**

Disbursements:

Department Treasurer (Renewal)	1121.00
Erica Aarseth (Program Speaker)	25.00
LaVonne Matthews (Postage)	40.50
Mavis Goodroad (Bakeless Bake Expense)	154.50
Mavis Goodroad (Jass Party)	17.26
Madison School (Donation)	50.00
Department Treasurer (Renewal)	1179.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **2587.26**

Owing on Blue Preferred Coupons (107 X \$12) **1284.00**

Balance on hand General Account 10/31/12 **4689.90**

Savings Account Balance: (09/30/12) **1903.92**

