

American Legion Auxiliary Meeting Notes from October 16, 2019

1. Constitution facts about impeachment (Article 1) shared by Patricia.
2. Call to order done by Gil
3. We have a lot of health issues with people that are related to our members. Please keep them in your prayers. Before you go visit someone at the hospital, please talk to Gil first to verify that they want visitors, etc... (Kay & Ron, David Wallace - cancer, currently at Herman Memorial in Katy; Kathy K is dealing with repercussions from her procedure, Jeffrey B. is in Midland with a leg broken in multiple places (Jen went to be with him), Harry W has prostate cancer. Our Chaplain asked for list of those that want to be visited and requested that someone goes with her when she visits. Different members offered to go with her.
4. Memory of the dead shared
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - full participation
6. Roll Call of the Officers completed by fill-in secretary, Leslie Britton. President, First Vice President, Historian, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms present. Second Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer absent.
7. 1st Vice President moved to dismiss the reading of the minutes since we all received a copy of previous notes. Sergeant-at-Arms seconded it.
8. Introduction of new member, Nancy Hacker by President.
9. Financial Report and Budget Breakdown given for all to review. The Executive committee met to begin breakdown of our budget
 - a. Under administration - take out poppies as they are in different section with money attached there.
 - b. Membership dues raised to \$33 a year. Can take SWIPE, CHECK, CASH. Please send them in so that we can continue to support our great causes.
 - c. Americanism (Patricia Castro chair)- Last Friday, Gil went and did Patricia's presentation at the Sunday meeting. It was a hit!
 - d. Parades & Festivals - No fee for Safety Fest; Participate in Katy Rodeo, Katy Rice Festival (Booth & Parade). Flags not only used during these activities, but also when fundraising for Wreaths Across America.
 - e. Girl State - (Linda Marlsburg chair) We use the \$5 for every wreath sponsorship towards GS. We want to be able to give out 4 \$200 scholarships to help girls not sponsored by their schools. Goal is to get 20 girls to participate. Clarification of office supplies, also includes UPS package to ensure our goals applications get there quickly (FIFC system). Open registration is 2/1/2020.
 - f. Americanism Essay contest is currently on hold
 - g. Constitution Day on hold
 - h. Children & Youth Scholarships: ALA Youth Hero Award for \$100 and the ALA Good Deed Award -citizenship \$100. Band Scholarship \$300 for Mayde Creek High School student
 - i. I. Community Service -
10. Activity Reports:

- a. 22 District DEC Report - Received Certificate of Recognition for Retaining & Increasing Jr. Membership by 100%; Certificate of Achievement for Unit 164 183.33% promoting membership
 - b. Care Team - Is functioning. TEAM Sendoff is on hold right now. Reminder, check in first prior to visiting people. First Responders Awards Dinner is on December 7th. Our part is to assist with hosting it. Saltgrass Steakhouse to cook & clean. 6:30 cocktails, 7 pm dinner, 8 pm ? The baskets this time may just be a door prize for those in attendance.
 - c. Girls State/Deliveries to school counselors completed. Paetow & Cinco Ranch really encouraging girls to come.
 - d. Camp Hope - Dinner went over well. Kuddos to Linda and her posse for getting it all there, waiting patiently during the day delay
 - e. Wreaths Across America - thank you for everyone who is able to help collect sponsorships for the wreaths. We are finding that a lot of sales are going through the square. 203 sold via Auxiliary so far. Gil was able to get Mike Schofield to purchase a wreath. Let's see what other politicians we can get.
 - f. Rice Festival Booth & Parade - It went well. Flags usual hit. We made \$295 from the baskets at the festival. We need to make sure that they list us out as a group with a truck of our own for next year's parade so that our organization is announced. A BIG thank you to Jennifer and all who helped with setting up the booth.
 - g. Student Volunteers - The young ladies at the booth did exceptionally well. Make sure to contact Taylor High School again for assistance from NHS volunteers.
11. New Business:
- a. We are adopting 2 female veterans and their families for Christmas this year through the District 22 program: 1 with three girls ages 2, 9 & 11; 1 with 2 boys age 14 & 16 (electronics)
 - b. Veteran's family in Katy: Turkey, ham, canned goods, gifts cards
 - c. Veteran's Day Poppies at Snappy's on Sunday November 10, 7 am - 1pm
12. Other Business
13. Announcements
- a. Breakfast with a Veteran 7-10 am 11/2/19 at ELKS - come help, have fun
 - b. Auxiliary Christmas Party on 12/14/19; Munchies & Fun. More details
 - c. Next Monthly Mtg on 11/20/19 at 7:30 pm; NO ACTUAL MEETING IN DECEMBER
14. Prayers for Peace
15. Adjournment - Done by the President