

District 1 Fall Meeting of the North Dakota Legion and Auxiliary was held in Finley, North Dakota on September 15 at the Legion Hall. The joint opening session started at 7:00 p.m. District Commander Michelle Olson called the meeting to order. The pledge and preamble were recited. Susan Lemley led in the singing of the National Anthem. Heidi Walswick of the Finley Unit #13 welcomed the members and guests. Opening remarks were made by Department Commander Karen Meier and Department President Mavis Goodroad. Curt Twete spoke about the ND American Legion Foundation that was organized to provide funds to carry on the ND American Legion programs in future years.

District 1 President Susan Lemley called the Auxiliary meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The mission statement was read by the members followed by the response from Carol Anderson of the Sharon unit #169. State officers and state chairmen were introduced. The minutes of the Spring District meeting were read and approved. Susan reported that the balance in the district treasury was \$87.80, which was approved as read. State President-Mavis Goodroad spoke to the audience about her trip to Minot and attending her first Gold Star Mothers and Family Day event. Mavis reminded everyone that we need to focus on membership renewals and finding new members. The following units received an award for increasing memberships: Finley, Galesburg, Sharon, and Fargo. She shared with the audience that Lyn Tomlinson received a National award for her State History project. Mavis's special projects are: Lisbon Home (shop saw), Gladys Ray Shelter (transportation), No Veteran Dies Alone, and Wishes on Wings.

Jeannie Roman, President-elect from Minot unit #217 encouraged the members to help our veterans. Also, she inspired the members to include the youth in Auxiliary activities.

Old business consisted of the filling of the office of District Vice-President. A discussion was held. New business- Mavis stated that the Auxiliary dues will be increasing by \$3.00. The Auxiliary Emergency fund will be going to Texas and Florida to help with costs. Susan reported that mandatory contributions and poppy orders were due by October 31. Mid-winter conference will be held in Minot on January 26-28. The ND Centennial Celebration will begin in Fargo during

the 2018 state convention. Susan encouraged the units to observe the celebration during an event in their respective communities. All units were advised to apply for an EIN number to file an e-postcard. Homecoming for President Mavis Goodroad will be held on October 14 at the Holiday Inn beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Susan Lemley presented Marcy Schmidt her Past-District 1 President's pin. She thanked Marcy for her dedication to our district. Door prizes were distributed and patriotic songs were sung. Linda Bergenheier of the Finley unit led the group in prayer. District President Susan Lemley adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lemley

(16 in attendance) (1 guest, 3 officers, and 12 members)