

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 5 FALL MEETING

October 1, 2022; Washburn, ND

Hosted by: Victor B. Wallin Post # 12 of Washburn at 1:00 p.m. at the Washburn Memorial Hall.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District joint Legion and Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Brad Huber, Central Region Vice Commander. The Advance of Colors, Invocation, POW/MIA Remembrance, Pledge to the Flag, and Preamble were performed in a joint opening session. Peggy Moran, 5<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary President, performed the POW/MIA Remembrance. Colors had been posted prior to the meeting.

Greetings were given by Darrell Hight, Post 12 Vice Commander; Peggy Moran, Unit 12 Auxiliary President.

Speaker at the joint session was Sandra Petermann, Department President who spoke on Suicide Awareness.

Information was also provided on the High School Oratorical Program which will be held on 12/3/22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Amvets in Bismarck. Packets have been mailed to the school districts across the District. Legion members are encouraged to follow up with schools to encourage participation in the program.

Auxiliary relocated to the Legion Room to continue the Fall Meeting.

President Peggy Moran called the meeting to order. Opening Prayer provided by Mary Anseth. Three guests in attendance-Lualice Stockert, Unit 78; Sandra Petermann, Department President; and LoAnn Dick, Department Vice President/Membership Co-Chair. Past Department President in attendance: Lualice Stockert; Past District Presidents in attendance: Arlene Davis, Mary Anseth, Sandra Petermann, Lualice Stockert; LoAnn Dick. There were 4 Unit Presidents present.

Minutes from the March 22, 2022 Fall District Meeting were read. Bonnie Banks made a motion and Arlene Davis seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

Financials in the program indicate a District 5 balance of \$241.04.

Guest Speaker, Sandra Petermann provided information regarding the \$6 dues increase that will occur with the 2024 dues. Members were encouraged to consider becoming life members. She also encouraged members to contact legislators regarding PACT; consider webinars & seminars, flyers, social media, etc. for public relations-always wear ALA logo. Continue to support the ALA Emergency Fund and to "Honor Our Veterans Everyday" which is the National President's theme. Sandra also shared information about the National President's project regarding companions and supporting those that accompany veterans to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Sandra is continuing her work to complete a prayer book by June, 2023 and encourages members to send prayers, poems and lyrics to her. Her theme is "Flying Together, United as One". Sandra shared information about her President Projects which

include selling her pins, as well as raffle tickets to benefit the Western ND Honor Flight, Bismarck and the Injured Military Wildlife Project.

LoAnn Dick addressed membership with the attendees. An e-mail regarding membership renewal is sent in July with a follow up postal mailing in mid-September. Membership can be renewed on-line. Information was shared about the use of ALAMIS and the information that can be accessed for free and additional levels of access for a fee. Members were encouraged to increase membership with invitations being extended to Junior members also. Use of social media platforms to encourage membership was also presented. Poppy contest awards were shared including monetary prizes, using children's drawings on notecards, placemats, etc.

Unfinished Business: Peggy Moran reminded those in attendance that Unit Constitutions and Standing Rules need to be updated. Peggy also encouraged everyone to read the Messenger District 5 article. A report from the Department Convention from June was provided. 102 members attended from 42 units. 3 units have disbanded-Drayton, Adams, Fessenden. The following information was also reported:

- ND Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Total \$5,785.75 collected from Units, District Meetings and Winter Conference. Chairperson LoAnn Dick reported 6 tornadoes across the country and members also commented on the potential impact of Hurricane Ian.
- Girls State – 2022 – 59, same as Boys State
- National Dues Increase – 2024 going forward
- Reminder – Non-Profit Status – State Filing \$10, Federal IRS 990-N e-card

New Business:

- National Convention – Membership Eligibility – No changes have been made to include Great Granddaughters
- Membership Goals
- Reminder to participate in Giving 10 to Education
- Reminder to complete 2022/2023 Mandatory Contributions (green) and Poppy (pink) order due November 1, 2022
- Change in Fidelity Bond - \$6 to \$7
- The Messenger Printing Expense – Members at this meeting commented they enjoy receiving it.
- Information from Marcy Schmidt regarding Mission Training on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Other reminders:
  - October – Membership Month
  - Education – Scholarships being sent to schools and Units
  - November – Education Month

Dates to remember

2023 – Winter Conference – January 26-29, Minot

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Bismarck-1    Hazelton-2    Turtle Lake-3    Washburn-8    Wing-1    Guests -3    Total-18

Further discussion on financial balance of District. Arlene Davis made a motion to donate \$100 to Quilts of Valor. Twila Mathena seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thanks was given to Unit 12 by Unit President, Peggy Moran for the help with setting up the meeting and registration.

Mary Anseth performed the Closing Prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Arliss Koski, District Vice President.