



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, INC.
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
LEON A HARPER UNIT #50
3400 Rocky Ford Road
CREWE, VA 23930

02/08/16 Monthly Meeting

President Jane Henry called the meeting to order. Chaplain Nancy Hallinen gave the prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution of the ALA. Roll call of officers and members show those present: Teresa Adams, Marie Conner, Mary Fowler, Sherry Gilliland, Nancy Hallinen, Jane Henry, Shilo Mrazik, Deanna Schwartz, Barbara Thetford and Elinor Vogt. The minutes were read and stand approved as read. February's treasurers' report shows balance forward of \$2042.77, deposits of \$452.00 and checks written for \$428.00, with an ending balance of \$2066.77
Checks written:

#1481 Catherine Weaver	Veteran Family in Need	\$300
#1482 American Legion Post#50	Donations-WAA sales	\$110
#1483 AmeLegAux-Dept of VA	Membership dues	\$18

Unfinished/Old Business – The laundry mat project “Operations Suds” is still on hold. Teresa has said the laundry mat has reopened but she is not aware of who is running it now. Members reminded about the Spring Conference in Va Beach on March 11-13, all encouraged to attend. Asking for donations to take to the conference, things to be given to Jr Girls for their bazaar Teresa's aunt will not be able to do the quilt this year, so Teresa has volunteered to make the quilt to take to the conference. Girls State is coming up in June, we need to get the application and money in for the ones we will be sending. Deanna is asking for anyone who knows of a rising senior that would be interested in going to please let us know so that we can send in the paperwork.

New Business – Jane read two letters from Dan River, Post 1097 in Danville, VA presenting Sallie Rossman as candidate for Department President of Virginia for 2016-17 for the American Legion Auxiliary and the other letter presenting Anna Barbour as candidate for Western Zone Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Jane also read a thank you letter from the Virginia Wounded Warriors Project thanking us for our donation. They also notified us their name has changed to VVFS – Virginia Veterans Family Support. Also received a letter from Ruth Cole congratulating us on membership. Members are reminded to make sure and send donations to this group. Jane brought some valentines for the members to sign so we can give them to Mary to take to the nursing home and hand out to the patients. Deanna received another \$50 from WAA, again we will be contributing this money to the post. Deanna has agreed to be the chairman for the Wreath Across America this coming year. Asking members to attend the ALR meeting on the 17th of this month to go over the poker run activities, this is important so we know what is going on and what we are expected to do. Discussion on the future ham dinner, Nancy has made suggestions for the next one in order to achieve a more efficient result. Mary also suggested that the ticket be used to get their dinner so we can eliminate “double and triple dippers”. A motion was made by Deanna to have the ham dinner every year in the month of October – motion passed. This will be one of our yearly fund raisers. Need to have an election committee to elect officers for the coming year, Elinor and Barbara to do. Deanna presented a “Certificate of Appreciation” to Ron for his help during the ham dinner. Deanna suggested that at each meeting we

do something during the meeting; signing cards, folding flags, knitting, etc so we can have items ready for our veterans. There being no other business Chaplain Nancy thanked Elinor for such a nice refreshment platter and decorations and then gave the closing prayer and President Jane adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be March 14th.