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American Legion Auxiliary
Crewe, Virginia**

The meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 50 was called to order October 10, 2016 by President Deanna Schwartz. Chaplain Nancy Hallinen opened the meeting with prayer and led us in the pledge allegiance to our flag, followed by the ALA pledge.

By unanimous decision we dispensed with the reading of minutes and treasurer's report. Members in attendance were: Nancy Hallinen, Shilo Mrazik, Teresa Adams, Sherrie Gilliland, and Deanna Schwartz

Nancy made a motion and Shilo seconded it that we send Girls State funds in the amount of \$900 to the Dept of VA now due to the December 1 deadline for turning in these funds to meet Longwood University contract obligations before January 1. The motion was passed by all members present. Deanna Schwartz will contribute \$300 toward the Girls State Funds. Deanna announced that Girls State delegate applications must be turned in by February 15, 2017. Teresa Adams will assist Deanna Schwartz with posting information and applications at Nottoway High School in November.

Deanna reminded us about our continuing to collect food for Nancy's church pantry at each meeting. A refreshment signup sheet was passed around for the remaining meetings.

Teresa reported due to the Nottoway High School ROTC unit having 178 members it would not be possible of our ALA unit to furnish cupcakes for ROTC Unit. All present agreed to cancel this project.

Deanna reminded us that we voted at the last meeting to have our ham dinner rescheduled for spring.

Deanna has not heard any more about having a SVCC table to promote poppies and the Reboot program. Shilo suggested that we not do this program at SVCC due to the students having limited funds to donate. We decided to table this event until we had more information. SVCC will let us set up a table anytime to promote the American Legion Auxiliary programs.

Based on the total year purposed budget \$2,308.00 balance after funds distributed we needed to add adjustments to the budget based on projects at the Department level. The following request were presented to the attending members and voted on as follows:

Additions to Budget:

VA&R Carts for homeless veterans \$20.00 each, Shilo made a motion we send \$20.00, Nancy seconded the motion and all members were in favor so it passed.

Children & Youth chairman wants to raise \$3000 total for Patrick Henry Home for homeless mothers plus donate baby diapers. Shilo made a motion we contribute \$20.00 to the Patrick Henry Home for Homeless Mothers and purchase a package of diapers. Teresa seconded the motion. The motion was passed by all in attendance. Deanna will add 4 more pkgs. of diapers to make the total 5 pkgs. of diapers to be taken to the Fall Conference.

It was voted to have the Christmas Party Saturday Dec.17th. Details will be discussed at the November meeting. We want to decorate the post before dinner. This dinner will be for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50 members and their families.

Teresa received information concerning participating in the Crewe Christmas Parade. Teresa made a motion we participate in the parade, Shilo seconded the motion and it passed by a majority. Deanna will call Dean to see if we can use his truck. The theme is World War II soldiers returning home. Teresa is also looking to getting World War II families to participate with their flags.

New Business:

Deanna reported that we show 28 paid members on the newest Dept. information. We had 38 members last year. All members present paid their dues, Teresa Adams, Sherrie Gilliland, Shilo Mrazik, and Nancy Hallinen.

A signup sheet was passed out for members to hand out poppies on Veteran's day. Teresa & Sherrie will be at Hardee's, Shilo at Crewe Station, Deanna at Dollar General in Crewe.

For our November program Deanna presented the idea to make table decorations for the nursing home –We could make them and give to Mary to take to Wayland Nursing home. It is an easy project which was accepted by members.

The business meeting was over, the program of creating poppy arrangements to be taken to the fall conference were made by those present at the meeting and refreshment were served. The poppies could be used to make wreaths, centerpieces, corsages, or table favors using the themes upcoming holidays, patriotic or traditional , Dept. theme "Wrapping Our Treasures in Service". Decorative items were left at the post to be used for future projects.

Nancy closed the meeting with prayer

Meeting was adjourned.