



American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 50

Crewe, Virginia

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Meeting Agenda

Open with Prayer:	Nancy Hallinen
Call of the Meeting to Order:	Deanna Schwartz
Pledge to the Flag:	Teresa Adams
ALA Pledge:	Teresa Adams
Reading of the Minutes:	Tammy Wood
Treasure's Report:	Barbara Thetford

Old Business:

Deanna reminded members to continue to donate food for Nancy's church pantry. This is an ongoing request.

Deanna reported we are at 117.50% membership and currently 4th highest in overall membership. Awards will be given out to units with the 3 highest memberships so keep those memberships coming in. We currently have 47 members with more applications to send in. We welcomed a new Junior Member, Savanna Hamm, to our group at our July meeting.

Nancy notified us, Sherry sent a wonderful thank you card for the shower chair gift she received after her heart attack. Sherry is still recuperating and we offer her our thoughts, prayers, and continued emotional support.

Sara Dunn, founder of Piedmont Area Veterans Council, a 501c3 organization has opened a women's clothing consignment shop in downtown Farmville on Main Street corner across from Longwood U's new bookstore next to barber shop. Most clothes have original tags and sold at low prices for the funds to go totally to helping veterans and their families in our 10 surrounding counties. Each month Deanna will donate a Mary Kay basket for \$1.00 donation chance to win this basket. Drawing will be held once 100 tickets have been sold. The proceeds will benefit Unit 32 Farmville and Unit 50 Crewe with both units receiving \$50 dollars each. Sarah is donating her shop and Deanna is donating her products to help our units. When Longwood students return this shop will be very busy so if you have time to help, your assistance

will be appreciated. Even if you do not want to buy anything, stop by and see what is available. Gift items are available too.

Members were informed the Homecoming booth lost money and is no longer considered a viable fundraising opportunity and as a group, we will no longer participate in future Homecoming events. Members also voted in June to discontinue another fundraising event by joining in on the annual 100 mile Garage Sale anniversary held on or about July 4th as it too has proven, in the past, not to generate a profit, regardless of how much contributing and advertising we did as a unit to attract customers.

New committee chairmen were announced, at the July meeting, and a description of each committee was offered to each chairman to review. Detailed information for the new-year will not be received until September following the Department Board meeting of the Dept. Chairman.

The new committee chairmen are as follows:

- Americanism: Elinor Vogt
- Children and Youth: Nancy Hallinen
- Community Service: Barbara Thetford
- Education: Nancy Hallinen
- ALA Girls State: Teresa Adams
- Junior Activity: Deanna Schwartz
- Legislative: Barbara Thetford
- National Security: Tammy Wood
- Poppy: Shilo Mrazik
- Public Relations: Mary Fowler

No agreement to date has been made concerning the concession stand sign. It was confirmed the sign has been taken down. Tammy introduced another alternative resolution to allowing the CBYRA to keep the \$200 and give us the sign. Once again the discussion led to the agreement the sign is not worth \$200 and a counter offer being made return the sign and \$100 and maybe even reducing that amount to \$50 dollars. And what we would or could do with the sign should it be returned to us. Other options we are considering are; asking for a full refund, asking CBYRA to post that sign for the remainder of the year and all next year for free in lieu of a refund, asking CBYRA to post that sign for the remainder of the year and all of next year plus a \$100 refund. We are also considering the option to discontinue pursuing a refund and chalk things up to lesson learned. More discussion on the sign will resume at the August meeting.

To date, two care packages have been sent out to our new member, Sara Schwalenberg, stationed on the USS Mesa Verda in the Med. for six months. There are plans to continue to send out care packages so keep those items coming.

Deanna still has yarn available to anyone wanting to knit or crochet for homeless. It is free, just need to sign up your name, contact information, how much yarn you take and color so this can be written in our report as one of our projects. These items will not be handed in until the ALA Fall Conference. At that time Deanna will give all items to Anne Starke who is in charge of the program knitting for the homeless.

New Business:

Game Machine advertising: Game machines are installed and concessions at the post are available to players on Tues. and Thurs. evenings from 5pm to 8pm. The machines are open to the public. We are not allowed to serve alcohol to anyone who is not an American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member or a guest of a member. We can serve any other refreshments. However due to no one coming to play them, attention was brought up that we need to advertise and options were discussed. Deanna consulted with Renee discussing ads for area newspapers and flyers to put into windows. Nancy suggested the best place to put up a sign advertising the game machines would be at Fast Market in Crewe. We agreed we would extend advertising to all surrounding areas. We still need volunteers to put up the flyers. We also discussed how to repurpose table tents as window flyers. One of the goals with the game machines is to reduce or eliminate the need for other fundraising events other than poppies.

On July 21, 2017 Unit 50 Auxiliary in Crewe will be hosting a service meeting for all veterans needing VA paperwork help. Sarah Dunn, National Service person, will be on hand to answer questions and assist with needed paperwork. During our July meeting we discussed serving refreshments, we approved it would be best to assign the task to one member to reduce confusion. We appointed Nancy to purchase, using Auxiliary funds, refreshments for the meeting. The concern we had is having too many refreshments, creating waste, and felt Nancy could make purchases we could save for other events should we have too much. As a unit we decided we would see how this service meeting went, then we would consider holding future meetings at our unit on a regular basis or forget about holding our own meetings and work with Sara at her Farmville functions instead. Discussion on hosting future service meetings will resume at our next meeting when we can make a more informed assessment.

Our Ham dinner will be held on October 7, 2017 from 4pm to 8pm, location still to be determined. The menu will consist of Ham, Mac & Cheese, Yams, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, and served with an optional roll. There will be deserts included with the meal, with a choice of cake, or pie. We will have pudding on hand as a backup desert.

We decided on selling 125 tickets at \$10.00 dollars per dinner. No refills. We agreed each active member would be responsible to sell tickets for the dinner.

We will have a tent set up for a membership drive and fundraiser in Keysville, at the Wayland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Block party in September, 2017. It is free to set up the tent but the Activity Director, Mary Fowler, has requested donations be made to a raffle she is sponsoring at the event as a fundraiser. Deanna offered a Mary Kay basket and Tammy offered a crochet winter set, (hat & scarf) as donations. The exact day the block party will be held is yet to be determined and will be announced at the August meeting. A question was

proposed do we need a tent or can just set up a table, since the event is an outdoor event and there are no trees for shade, it was agreed we will need a tent.

Tammy motioned and Shilo second the motion to provide school backpacks for the Burkeville Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. We will be making 15 backpacks for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Donations for the Backpacks are due by the August meeting so we can put them together and have them ready for the upcoming school year. If you need to access the supply list you can do so at

<https://www.teacherlists.com/schools/60423-burkeville-elementary>