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Prior to the start of the meeting, Kate Taylor, Cathy Abdunassir and McKayla Gordon handed out invitations and talked about the Veteran's Day celebration that will take place at the Williamson Middle School on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

The **September 14, 2023** meeting was called to order by **Commander John Pilc** at **7:28 pm**, with 23 members present.

The charter was draped in memory of William Mables, Edwin Schum, Gary Weed, James Nortier, and Herbert VanHoute.

Minutes

Dave Madison moved to accept June 8, 2023 minutes, seconded by **Dave Dorf**. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Thank you cards sent in by family members from recent funeral services were shared.

Finance – Nate Cianciola

Dave Madison made a motion to accept the Finance Report, seconded by **Bill Gleichauf**. Motion carried. **Dave Madison** motioned to accept the Bell Jar report, seconded by **Bill Gleichauf**. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership – John Pilc

The post has 78 paid members and is at 60%. Members are reminded to renew their membership for 2024 if they haven't yet.

Fellowship Room – John Pilc

Lucky Legion Loot didn't sell out but the event did well and made around \$9,000. The gaming machines are breaking and would like to purchase two new ones. The Queen of Hearts game jackpot is high.

Post Activities – John Pilc

May possibly have a pulled pork dinner in late October or November.

County – Dave Madison

The county Veteran's Service Office only has one person certified to do claims. Clear Path has a cantina they like to take around and put on meals. They will come to the post.

ALR – Mark Sorenson

The volunteer appreciation picnic went well. They have been doing funerals, parades and donation tables, rides, and Rifle and Pistol match at Ontario Rod & Gun Club. 29 food boxes were distributed for Labor Day. The next food box delivery is for Thanksgiving on November 18th.

Boy Scouts – John Pilc

Working on getting quotes for taking the banners down.

Service Officer – Nate Cianciola

Pam Helming's Veteran's Program materials were shared along with a Veteran's Casualty Assistance Program packet for end of life planning.

Boys State & Scholarship – No report.

Post Property – Tim Huff

There will be a work detail to prep the Post for winter October 7th at 9:00 am. Having trouble with the fire alarm system. Have a quote to go with a digital system.

Cemetery – Tim Huff

The grave markers have been picked up and may work on them this fall. They aren't made well. Many funerals were done over the summer. Dean Sheffield was thanked for what he does at the services.

Colorguard/Firing Squad – Tim Huff

The colorguard marched in the Sodus Center parade and won for best colorguard.

Americanism – Tim Huff

Tim thanked firefighters and emergency workers in light of the recent house fire in town. The attacks on 9/11 were 21 years ago. Having open borders makes our country vulnerable. Politicians put people in harms way and need to be held accountable.

Historian – Tim Huff

There are materials from Phil Dean's time in service that have been added to the museum.

Tim shared that the first Civil War monument in NY is in Lake View Cemetery. The Soldier's Monument in Marion cemetery is the largest in in Wayne County.

Sick Call – Dean Sheffield

John Pilc and George Russell thanked everyone for the Breen's gift cards received after surgery. Don Hoffman had a stroke.

Unfinished Business

Veteran's Day dinner will be on a Saturday.

New Business

The deadline to nominate someone for Pam Helming's Veteran's Hall of Fame program is the end of September.

The Ontario Masonic Lodge has a free lunch for Veterans the 1st Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am.

The taxes are now up to date.

Sunday, September 17th is Patriot's Day at the Williamson Bible Baptist Church, honoring Veterans and first responders.

Legion Drawing – Chuck Brust won \$28.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Thank you to Shelly and Denise for cooking the meal!

Please take moment to remember our shut ins:

Walter Yantch, 5748 Walworth Road, Ontario NY 14519

John Becker, 2617 Route 88 N, Newark, NY 14513

Tony Curatolo, 6244 Willow Dr., Williamson, NY 14589



Hello American Legion Auxiliary

On September 14, 2023 we held our monthly meeting, 10 members were present. The first meeting after our summer meeting break is always so busy, we heard about 7th District Spring Conference and Department Convention both of which were held after our June meeting.

Our New York State Department Officers are:

Karen St Hilaire, President

Kim Quick, 1st Vice

Maureen Morgan, 2nd Vice

Lora Rowe, 3rd Vice

Karen's President's Project is Hope for the Warriors. She has been told all funds that are raised will be used for Veteran's Programs in New York. If you want to find out more about this organization, go to hopeforthewarriors.org

Our new 7th District Officers are: Vicki Lennox, President
Gina Southcott, Vice President

Our membership goal for the 23-24 year is 68. As of our meeting we have 8 paid members. I have been told that your renewal notices will be mailed out around the 15th of September. But remember you can renew by mail, phone or online.

Carol presented our budget for the 23-24 year and it was approved by the members. She also reported that the finance committee audited the 22-23 books and found them to be balanced and in good order.

We discussed and have started to plan a trunk or treat event on October 28th Sarah and Kim will get together and make a flyer and print ALA Halloween coloring books. Sherryl will purchase candy to distribute. Anyone wishing to help please reach out. Talked about up coming events....Veteran's Night Dinner (November 11th) and the Childrens Christmas Party (December 3rd), more information to come.

The next County Meeting will be held on September 19th in Ontario. Our EGS Citizens will be attending to talk about their experience.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and I look forward to our 23-24 Auxiliary year. Our next meeting will be on October 12th hope to see you there.

For God and Country

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9/14/23 SAL Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:24 pm

Members in attendance: Brian Thiel, Ron Dean, Greg Palis, Stephen Hyde, Bill Pinkerton, Bill McKinstry

Greg Palis on repair & painting of Garage. SAL work party for Sunday June 25th at 12:00 noon was canceled. Due to the fact the Legion was looking to clad the building in steel. I was recently informed that the Legion would like the SAL to perform that work.

See under new business...

Treasure report was read by Bill McKinstry second by Ron D. motion carried.

Minutes: From June 8th meeting read by Greg P. and approved by Stephen H., Bill P. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Spring 104 SAL clean-up Date, was Sunday 5/7/23 Started 9:00 AM. Was well attended 12 volunteers including 3 boy scouts participated. We picked up over 20 bags of road garbage and other large debris. SAL provided pizza and drinks after clean-up. Thanks goes to Bill Pinkerton! Will need a Fall "Adopt a Highway" 104 clean-up date.

Replacement of NEW maroon seats on existing 15 frames are complete, the 2 that were on back order were received and replaced on existing frames. As of 9/14/23, have not received Auxiliary or Legion portion of project.

New Business:

- SAL Dues rate will stay the same at \$20...If any future changes in Dues in 2024 the charges will be paid by SAL, Second by Ron D. motion carried.

- SAL, Adopt a Highway 104 cleanup Date will be **Sunday 10/15/23, 9:00 AM SHARP** Any volunteers will be welcomed, should be a little easier this time? As in the spring we will provide all equipment and the after pizza and drinks. Second by Bill P. motion carried.

- Garage repair and paint work crew could not be had this fall, so it was tabled for a spring repair budgeted for up to \$500 in materials. Second by Brian T.

- Debate took place about other projects based on what the Legion may or may-not do? Our SAL consensus is: What can SAL provide, which could increase membership, that is not available at veterans homes? Suggestion research a large screen smart TV 85" for viewing Buffalo football games, NASCAR racing and other sporting events to attract existing and new membership. Second by Greg P. motion carried.

Other: SAL breakfast NO INCREASE in price will keep at \$10 until warranted, to increase veteran and community participation. Second by Brian T. motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM, Second by Bill M. motion carried.

SAL report submitted by Greg Palis.