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Commander Pilc introduced guests Kate Taylor and Cathy Abdunassir from the Williamson Middle School. They handed out invitations and talked about the Veteran's Day celebration that will take place there on Friday, November 8, 2024.

The **September 12, 2024** meeting was called to order by Commander John Pilc at 7:31 pm, with 21 members present.

Minutes – Jerry Slater motioned to accept the June 13, 2024 minutes, seconded by Nate Cianciola. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Sue Brennessel

The following items were received: Thank you letters from the Boy's State attendees the Post sponsored; request for donation from Lap Robes for Veterans; donation from Mark and Kim Stryker.

Finance – Nate Cianciola

Dave Madison motioned to approve the Finance Report, seconded by Jerry Slater. Motion carried. The Bell Jar Report was approved on motion made by Dave Madison, seconded by Jerry Slater, and carried.

Committee Reports

Membership – Jim Weidner

The Post is at 59%. The county wants 142 members. ALL ARE REMINDED TO PAY DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. There's a compliance meeting in Webster on 11/2. Ron Hyde is going on this month's Honor Flight.

Fellowship Room – Bill Gleichauf

The Fellowship Room could use more support. Queen of Hearts is up to \$5,900. They're going to hang some pictures up on the walls.

Post Activities – John Pilc

Just had the Lucky Legion Loot event. Didn't sell all the tickets but did make a profit.

County – No report.

Dave Ares went to the National Convention, and he spoke about the VA being short-funded and the possibility of disability payments being stopped. You can send a letter to legislators online.

ALR – Mark Sorenson

Breens is closing. They have approached Patton's in Sodus and will be doing food boxes there now.

Boy Scouts – John Pilc

The Scouts meet at the Post every Tuesday.

Service Officer – Nate Cianciola

Nate gave an update on Dennis McCarthy. He is having surgery in Buffalo on October 14th and hoping to come to the November meeting. 988-1 is the emergency number for Veterans.

Boys State – Dave Madison

Would like to invite the Boys to the December meeting.

Scholarship – John Pilc

The scholarship recipient who wasn't able to be at the awards ceremony at school stopped at the Post to say thank you.

Post Property – Tim Huff

Need to do something with the spider room. Have to keep storage room door area clear for building access when the power goes out. Lost power and the alarm system worked like it was supposed to. Might look into getting a Knox Box. The camera system isn't working and needs to be addressed.

Cemetery – Tim Huff

The flags have been picked up.

Colorguard/Firing Squad – Tim Huff

Doing a funeral on 9/21 for Vietnam Vet Robert Eaton. Be at the Post at 11 am. Service at Lake View Cemetery. Several funerals were done over the summer.

Americanism – No report

Historian – Tim Huff

Has old minutes from the Post from Orlo Plyter and some of the same issues have come up in the past.

Chaplain/Sick Call – No report.

Unfinished Business

- The Senior Citizen's projector and screen is ready to install. The Preamble will need to be moved.
- Driveway, wall by ramp and foundation in spider room need repair. There was a discussion about setting aside money for repair projects.

New Business

- Dick Baxter shared a Navy book donated by George Elmer from Ontario for the museum.
- The Breen's gift cards the Post had on hand were cashed in. Dave Madison motioned to get new gift cards from Patton's, seconded by Jerry Slater. Motion carried.

Legion Drawing – Jim Weidner won \$21.25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Please take moment to remember our shut ins:

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

Tony Curatolo, Heathwood Assisted Living at Penfield, 100 Elderwood Ct, Penfield, NY 14526

Emmet Vanderburgh, 5955 State Rte. 21, Williamson, NY 14589

Larry Harrison, 39 Carlton St., Sodus, NY 14551

Don Hoffman, DeMay Living Center, 100 Sunset Dr., Newark, NY 14513



Hello American Legion Auxiliary

I hope everyone a wonderful summer. On September 12th we held our monthly meeting, 11 members were present. As always, I will start with membership. Our goal for the year of 2024-2025 is 59, everyone should have or will be receiving your renewal form, if you have any questions, please reach out to either Denise or myself.

Since the last newsletter, 2 Auxiliary members attended the Flag Day ceremony at the Williamson Primary school the children did a wonderful job. The second painting event was held at the post and the next one is already in the works for November. I attended the Department of NY American Legion Auxiliary Convention. The program was shortened to 2 days 2 very busy days. Just some highlights, our 2023-2024 Department President, Karen St Hilaire's President's Project, Hope for the Warriors raised \$85,797. We said good bye to 500 Auxiliary members during our memorial service. We elected our new officers for 2024-2025 they are as follows Kim Quick, Department President, Maureen Morgan, 1st Vice President, Lora Rowe 2nd Vice President and Yvonne Brunner 3rd Vice President. President Kim announced her Presidents Project, it is *Homeward Bound *Adirondacks, I will attach information regarding this program. Then I attended the 7th District Caucus where we elected our District President and 1st Vice President they are as follows 7th District President Gina Southcott from Marion in Wayne County and 1st Vice LuAnna Gilbert from Livingston County. Then on September 7th I attended the 7th District Fall Conference, Maureen Morgan Department 1st Vice was there and shared with us messages from the President and other Vice Presidents that were not able to attend. The Department of NY's membership goal for 2024-2025 is 36,030.

Over the summer I also took some webinar classes very informative. If anyone is interested in viewing any of these, you can go onto the Department's website at deptyny.org and find information as to when and how, and you can always reach out to me and I will help.

Well, if that wasn't enough on to our meeting, Lilly thanked us for sending her to Empire Girls State, we reviewed and adopted Shelly's budget for 2024-2025. Decided to do the Halloween event at the high school, Kim will be bringing additional information to our next meeting. Jennie Sedore will be setting up a committee to review and update our constitution and by-laws and standing rules. Starting talking about offering a yearly scholarship. Committee chairs were confirmed, I will be getting them their plans of actions after our next county meeting, where I will receive the county chairs information. Our next reporting period is November 1st. Talked about Bath field days and Coupons for troops (information attached). We will also be preparing Veteran's Night Dinner on November 11th. After the meeting Sarah emailed me and said that she will be scheduling the Children's Christmas Party for December 8th instead of December 1st because that is Thanksgiving weekend and there are already many events planned around the community for weekend and feels the 8th will just be better. Our Post Commander John Pilc will be setting up committees for the Chicken BBQ and other events at the post. He will have sign up sheets posted in the fellowship room.

Our next County Meeting will be on September 17th at Ontario and our next post meeting will be October 10th. (Gosh I hope I didn't forget anything. 😊)

For God and Country

Sherryl Madison President Williamson Unit 394 American Legion Auxiliary



2024 – 2025 SAL BREAKFAST DATES

October 27, 2024
November 24, 2024
December 29, 2024
January 26, 2025
February 23, 2025
March 30, 2025
April 27, 2025