

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Meeting Date/Time: 03/04/2025 @ 7:03 PM

March 2025 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by President Michelle Powell
Prayer led by Melissa Stegman
Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble recited by all members.
Auxiliary Mission Statement recited by President Michelle Powell

Roll Call of Officers:	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
President- Michelle Powell	X	
1 st Vice- Melissa Stegman	X	
2 nd Vice- Denise Wycherley		X
Secretary- Courtney Clark	X	
Treasurer-		
Chaplain Martha Bloomfield		X
Sgt at Arms- Marcia Bolner		X
Historian Sandy Koontz		X

Other Members Present: Lois Sine-Hoffman and Patti Kota

Total Present: 5
Total Voting Members: 4

SECRETARY:

Minutes from the February 2025 meeting were read by Secretary Courtney Clark.
Motion made by Melissa Stegman to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Patti Kota.
Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

TREASURER:

Finance Report provided by Courtney Clark. Treasurer position is vacant.
Per UNITED bank statements date 01/31/25 (attached to meeting notes),
General Fund- \$1769.70
Poppy Fund- \$503.55
Motion made by Lois Sine-Hoffman to accept amounts. Motion seconded by Courtney Clark. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

President's Report

- Means & Ways- January 2025 winner was Jeff Coddington
- Membership cards
 - o These were discussed at Mid-Winter Conference and Michelle purchased online. Auxiliary reimbursed \$35.00.

Sick Call & Relief

- Sandy Koontz had knee surgery and is doing well.
- Marilyn Collins had a tumor on her kidney and is getting better.
- Janet Jacquay's husband passed away. \$50 was sent to her. She sent Unit 1 a thank you card (attached to meeting notes).
- A prayer was also provided by Melissa Stegman for members' health and recovery.

New Member- None

OLD BUSINESS:

Legion Riders

- Pancake Breakfast is scheduled 03/09/25 @ 8 AM. Donations accepted.
 - o Menu is pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee/juice/milk

First Friday

- Was held 02/06/25 due to Mid-Winter Conference
 - o The 2025-2026 National Commander attended and sent a thank you to the Post.

Mid-Winter Conference

- Was held 02/07/25-02/08/25 at Oglebay.
 - o Michelle Powell, Melissa Stegman, Courtney Clark and Lois Sine-Hoffman attended.
 - o There were presentations by Dr Rosemary Thomas and the 2024-2025 National Auxiliary President Trish Ward.
 - o Unit 1 received awards for meeting membership goals and having 30 paid members.
 - o Courtney Clark submitted her Poppy Wreath and won first place (Morgantown was 2nd and New Martinsville was 3rd).
 - The wreath contest raised \$1036.00
 - o Unit 1 was the only post who submitted monetary funds for Child & Welfare fund.
 - o Michelle Powell received 100-hour pin and Courtney Clark received 50-hour pin for volunteer hours.

Ladies Fun Night

- Was held 02/18/25 and members painted a bunny door hanger.
- Michelle noted it was a fun night.

Walmart Gift Card Raffle

- Tickets are still out therefore we do not know how many still need to be sold.

Steak Fry

- Scheduled 04/04/25; Doors open at 5 PM and cooking begins at 6 PM.
- Donations need to be at the Post by 03/22/25.

First District Spring Meeting

- Scheduled 04/27/25 at Cameron, WV and starts at 9 AM

NEW BUSINESS

First Friday

- Scheduled for 03/07/25 @ 6 PM
- Menu will be hamburgers and members are asked to bring a side.

Legion Riders

- Pancake Breakfast is scheduled 03/09/25 @ 8 AM. Donations accepted.
 - o Menu is pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee/juice/milk
- Poker Run is scheduled 09/20/25 with local band Tongue N Cheek playing around 6 PM.
 - o ALR requested monetary donation to cover the cost of the band (\$2000).
 - Motion made by Melissa Stegman to give \$100. Motion seconded by Courtney Clark. Discussion: None. In favor 4, Against 0, Motion carried.

Ladies Fun Night

- Is scheduled 03/18/25 at 7 PM
 - o Michelle will submit to Rhonda Best.

Washington Wild Things

- Legion baseball night at Washington Wild Things is 05/31/25 and \$30 per person.
- RSVP To Legion Commander John Powell with money for ticket.

Dues

- Senior members are not to exceed more than \$10 over the National dues.
 - o Unit 1 will increase dues to \$35.00 for 2025-2026 membership year.
- Junior members are not to exceed more than \$1 over the National dues which are \$3.75.
 - o Unit 1 will need to review dues.
 - o Michelle will reach out to Susan Brown about what the Unit 1 dues have been and if they need addressed to match National.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Constitution and Bylaws

- Michelle put copies in the filing cabinet. They were signed off by Peggy Schwartz on 02/08/25.

Standing Rules

- Michelle sent final copy to Rhonda Best in February 2025 but has not received any notice/updates on them re: approval.

Girls State

- Michelle made a folder with all the information so that someone can chair this committee starting in 2025-2026.
- Michelle spoke with Betsy Jones at Wheeling Park HS, and they have 7 girls interested.
- Michelle spoke with Penny Cunningham at Linsly, and they have 1 girl interested.
- Michelle has received no contact/response from Wheeling Central.
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Girls State continued

- Michelle mailed out 20 letters to prominent business owners requesting donations to pay \$300/girl for Girls State.
 - o John Powell spoke at Commissioners Meeting and requested the support of 5 girls at \$300/each and 5 boys at \$350/each.

Membership

- Unit 1 has 30 paid members.
- Courtney Clark will submit new member/payment for Patti Kota.

Correspondence:

None

For the Good of the Unit:

None

Next Meeting:

Fun Night- March 18, 2025 @ 7 PM.

Monthly Meeting- April 1, 2025 @ 7 PM.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Melissa Stegman

Closing Statement: President Michelle Powell

Adjourned by President Michelle Powell at 8:03 PM

Quarter Drill for Education

Notes Taken: 03/04/25

Typed: 03/06/2025

Courtney L Clark
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
Secretary

Michelle Powell
Auxiliary Unit 1, Wheeling
President