

**ABC-GL Dinner Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2024**  
**St. Andrew's Church Hall**  
**5:30 PM Social Hour**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Clayton Hale, Cmdr. 6:30 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Clayton Hale

**PRAYER:** Jeff Landburg

**MOTIONS:**

- Motion to adjourn made by Arlene Starkman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Hooper. Approved.

**QUORUM:** Determined by Brenda Murphy. 38 people in attendance.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Arlene Starkman

- December 2023. Balance: \$7,479.53 Revenue: \$1,271.00 Expenses: \$924.75.
- Outstanding check for \$1,800.00 for Backpack Program.
- 50/50 raffle collected \$110, club keeps \$55 and lucky Michelle Hooper won \$55!!

**EDUCATION:** Jon Murphy

- An ABC class will be offered in March or April with Bob Hunt and David Sloan as our educators. We will notify club members once a date is solidified.
- Classes are on line for members.
- Video clips are also available on line and the education officers will arrange for short clips to be shown at dinner meetings.
- Don't forget – each member can attend 1 class per year for free.
- VSC examiners are working on acquiring their certification.

**COMMANDERS REPORT:** Clayton Hale

- Rotary awarded the club \$2,000 to be used for life jackets.
- Check for \$1,800 will be given to the Backpack Program. Donations were accepted at our Christmas Party.
- Bingo fundraiser party will be held February 24, 2024 at the VFW post. Details we will available soon.
- Boaters club shirts – this is strictly voluntary. Marian McNeill is checking on cost for the logo to be put on shirts.
- Every month the Commander will highlight a club member. This will allow members to have a spot light on what they do for our community.
- Michelle Hooper and Julie Jones were honored for all the hard work they provided at our dinner meetings.

- Backpack Program – Marge and Harvey Blattner updated the club on this important program. Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma provides food for kids. 84% of kids depend on free or reduced-price luncheons. The backpack program provides elementary students a backpack with nutritious snacks and foods for the weekends, holiday breaks and summer breaks. Currently 165 kids are utilizing this program. The club's donation should provide 1,296 meals.
- Goal this year is to raise enough money to distribute 1,000 life jackets. At \$13 each, we would need to raise \$13,000. This could be done by the following fundraisers:
  - 2 Bingo's
  - Fishing Tournament
  - 2 Poker Runs
  - Scavenger Hunt
  - Silent Auction at the COW

**NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN:** Denise and David Neptune and Cathy and Ted Schaefer.

**GUESTS:** Welcome Tim and Jeanne Andrew – who also joined our club!

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Made by Arlene Starkman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Hooper, motion approved at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.