

ABC-GL Dinner Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
5:30 PM Social Hour

CALL TO ORDER: Clayton Hale, Cmdr. 5:45 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Attendees

PRAYER: Marge Blattner

RECESS FOR DINNER: 5:45 PM

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve December 2023 and January 2024 dinner minutes made by Michelle Hopper; second by Jon Murphy. Minutes approved.
- Motion to accept new bylaws by Peggy Miller; second by Julie Jones. 100% members voted to approve.
- Motion to adjourn made by Mina Hale; second by Peggy Miller. Approved.

GUESTS: Jim Wilson, Commander, American Legion Post 178, Otto Maynard and Susan Engstrom, Auxiliary President, from American Legion attended as well.

Presentation from Jim Wilson on American Legion Post 178.

- Duties include; Veteran Affairs, National Security, Americanism (flag etiquette), as well as Children and Youth.
- Host a coffee bar 8 am – noon M – F.
- Ritual Team – Honor Guard provides ceremony at funerals for 60-mile radius.
- Together Vets – program to prevent suicide.
- American Legion Outdoors – fishing and boating
- Amateur Radio Club
- American Legion Riders – motorcycle
- Sons of American Legion
- Bingo – one of their biggest fundraisers
- Freedom Park – where the Jet is located at Ferra
- Versa K9 – trains (personally owned) dogs (not service dogs)

- Flags – place them at 3 cemeteries on holidays – places 400 large flags and 750 head stone flags
- Sells good quality “American Made” Flags
- Cost is \$45/year to belong to VFW

Susan Engstrom – Auxiliary President – spoke on Auxiliary Functions;

- Services to Country in peace time
- Members can be direct descendent of a Vet
- Support Youth – via basketball traveling team
- Scholarship – supports 4 from Grove
- Makes Christmas Baskets for Vets in Nursing Homes
- Cost to be a member of the Auxiliary is \$35/year

RAFFLE 50/50:

Collected \$95 Club kept \$47.50 and Brenda Murphy won \$47.50

TREASURERS REPORT: given by Brenda Murphy. \$9,366.33 balance as of January 31, 2024. Revenue for month \$2,610.00 (rotary grant of \$2,000, dinner reimbursement and raffle ticket sales). Expenses for the month were \$723.20 (COW flags and awards, and dinner venue and dinner meeting caterer).

EDUCATION: Bill Miller

- ABC class scheduled for April 6 & 13. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple if they share books. Class will be held at GLA and David Sloan and Bob Hunt have agreed to teach this class.
- Vessel examiners – we have 4 people who are interested. We just need a current vessel examiner to sign off on their first 5 vessels.
- Instructors are needed. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Bill Miller.

SECRETARY REPORT: Brenda Murphy

- Requested a motion for previous minutes. Motion made by Michelle Hopper to approve December 2023 and January 2024 minutes. Second by Jon Murphy. Motion carried.
- Bylaws were emailed to all ABC-GL members on February 10, 2024. Peggy Miller made a motion to approve bylaws; a second by Julie Jones. 100% of attendees voted to approve bylaws. Motion carried.

COMMANDERS REPORT: Clayton Hale

- **Life Jackets:** 150 were ordered using Rotary Grant funds.

- **Life Jacket Storage:** another room is available for ABC-GL to use to store our life jackets for distribution. No charge to the club for additional storage room.
- **BINGO** – March 23 at 6:00 pm. All proceeds from BINGO (except \$100) goes to ABC-GL for life jacket purchases.
- **Grand Lake Boat Show:** March 8-10, 2024 – Jeff Landburg will coordinate ABC-GLs volunteers and life jacket giveaways. Held at Craig County Community Center in Vinita. Sign up sheet for volunteers at registration table.
March 8 & 9 – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and March 10 - 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- **GRDA:** Grant request submitted. Still have not heard if ABC-GL will be awarded a grant for life jackets.
- **Shirts** – can be embroidered at Dar-Lynn's. She charges \$12.00 for the logo and if you want your name on the shirt there will be an additional \$7.00 charge. Shirts and embroidery charges are paid by the member, not the club.
- **Burgees** – are they available for purchase? Some are rectangular and some are triangular. Need someone to check the storage unit for availability.
- **New Members** – will be sworn in at our next dinner meeting; Tim & Jeanne Andrew and Steve & Terry DeCoster.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Mina Hale; second Peggy Miller, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Murphy.