

La Societe de Femme
Grande Cabane de Illinois
Fall Cheminot Minutes
Bloomington, Illinois
October 29, 2022

La Grande Presidente Melissa opened the Cheminot by Ritual at 10 a.m. by the Ritual.

Roll Call of Officers and Presidentes Passe.

Notion to accept the minutes as e-mail and printed. 2nd Notion carried.

Finance report – General fund \$402.17 and Savings \$7,983.12. With no question the finance report was filed for audit.

Presidente thanked us for the honor of serving as our Grande Presidente this year.

La Sous Presidente Jan Martina reported that 433 has 27 Dames and is at 84.38%; 1170 has 8 Dames and are at 100%; 344 has 19 Dames and is at 59.38%; and 1348 is has 1 Dame and is at 14.29%.

Commissaire Intendante Louise gave her Finance report and what her job consisted of.

Conducteur – absent.

Aumonier Odie reported that she places the altar cloth at meetings and give opening and closing prayers at Rendezvous. She also sends get well and sympathy cards to the members when needed. She conducts the Memorial Service at the Grande honoring our fellow Dames who have passed on which is very important.

Garde de la Porte – reported her duties were to ask for the password and check cards and make sure they are signed. Susie reported that she is also the Garde de La Porte for Nationale.

Garde de La Porte Susie Conrad reported about guarding the Door and check for membership cards and passwords. Make sure if there is any guest when to escort them into our Rendezvous.

Historien reported by Odie - it is her job to keep a record of all that the Grande Cabane does during the year and to compile a scrapbook as a record for the Cabane.

Correspondante Ethellynn reported on e-mailing the call, minutes, etc. out to all the Dames and hope that they pass it on to those that don't have e-mail. Making sure everything is ready for the Grande Presidente, and follow any orders that the Presidente might give her.

Avocat Ethellynn reported that it is her job to answer all questions on Constitution and By-Laws and to keep it up to date. If she does not know the answer she will find out and get back to that Dame.

Drapeau Susie reported that she posts the flags before the Rendezvous and retreat them after the Rendezvous.

Aid to Voiture Louise reported that Aid to Voiture is very easy. If you do anything for the Voiture count it, hours, miles, money. Make sure your Voiture signs it. Make sure your figures are right. Keep track of what you do.

Americanism Suzie Weiss reported we need to say prayers including our Country with everyone.

Carville Star Carol explained the magazine and that you can buy a country. Did you know that we have a client in Chicago?

Child Welfare Jan reported that the program was founded in 1923 to ease the pain and suffering of those children whose fathers never returned or who were unable to care for their need after the "Big War." Today the program has grown to include all children with emergent needs, and our efforts amount to over eight millions of dollars annually.

Credentials reported 15 registered Dames for a total of \$45.00

Finance Louise reported she does a financial statement at each function and she gets the Budget ready and hope it is approved.

Nurse's Training reported that the program has been around since 1955 and since the program began there has been nearly 50,000 students assisted. In 1976 the Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Trust Fund was created in the honor of the 1952 Chef de Chemin de Fer George B. Boland, which was Nationale Advocate for many years. The Trust fund was set up for the purpose of providing additional funding. To support the program you may assist your Voiture with their fundraising programs, You can have fundraisers like bake sales, garage sales, dinners, luncheons, craft sales etc., start a student book fund collection, look for scholarship applicants for the Voiture, If your Voiture Locale doesn't have a program make a donation to the Boland Trust fund, and buy their pin every year. Cabane 1170 does a Turkey Shoot for Nurses Training which runs the 1st weekend from November through April. So try to make it.

POW/MIA reported that the 40&8 has always honored and paid homage to our POW/MIA's and wanted to come up with a way to actually help the families that the POW/MIA's left behind. In 1995 the Nationale POW/MIA Committee was established. In 1996 the POW/MIA survivor's scholarship fund was created. In 1997 the Scholarship fund was named in honor of Lance Corporal Dewey Killen III USMC. The scholarship trust fund was created expressly for any spouse, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughters, great grandsons and granddaughters, widow or widower of any known

verified soldiers who were listed as POW/MIAs and served in the U.S. Military after WWI draft day of May 28, 1917. The sale of POW/MIA pins is the primary source of funding. The La Societe de Femmes also help support the scholarship with their "Pennies for POW/MIAs" project. Other ways to assist if fundraisers like bake sales, garage sales, dinners and raffles. Take part in parades to bring awareness, do a POW/MIA table ceremony at banquet or large gatherings. Etc.

Resolutions reported no resolutions.

Ritual Odie reported that the Ritual Committee makes sure that the Rituals are being followed. They also study the ritual and if any changes or improvements are needed they write a Resolution and submit it to Nationale for consideration.

Rules and Order reported just received information from Nationale and will be working on the new information for the Spring Cheminot and bring copies for all Dames.

Ways and Means collected \$326 with the \$100 being first prized gives final collection of \$226. Great job Dames.

Cheminot closed by the Ritual at 1.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ethellynn Neville
Correspondante