

La Societe de Femme
Grande Cabane de Illinois
Fall Cheminot Minutes
Bloomington, Illinois
October 26, 2024

La Grande Presidente Odie opened the Cheminot by Ritual at 10:03 a.m. by the Ritual.

Roll Call of Officers and Presidentes Passe.

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

Finance report – General fund \$354.57 and Savings \$9,265.40. The finance report was filed for audit.

Presidente Odie informed us that being Presidente is an easy job and advised us not to be afraid to step up. She did visit the Veterans Memorial in Creve Coeur, Illinois and see all the names on their monument. The names were listed by war. Planning, if everything goes right, to double represent Locale and Grande at the Tazewell County Court House and help lay a wreath there on Veterans Day. She had the pleasure of building a few raffle baskets and a little fall wagon to raffle at the Grande, which all proceeds goes to the Grande. She also found on Facebook an interesting item for a Cabane to do. It is called Reverse Advent Calendar where each day add an item to a box and on Christmas Eve or end of the month donate the contents to a food bank and I have attached it to these minutes. Lastly she reminded us all to work the programs and keep track of miles, hours, and money. And she also said something very important; “Do good things, say good things, and think good things and things will be good.”

La Sous Presidente Susie Conrad reported that as Sous President her job on membership and gave the membership. She also handed out the Certificate winners from Nationale. There was a lot with the Grande, Cabane 433, and Cabane 1170 receiving over the big Cabanes. Great job.

Commissaire Intendante Louise informed us that she does the budget every year, financial statement at every Rendezvous, and keeps an eye on where our money goes.

Conducteur – Carol reported that she present the guest and march them forward and back to the door when they are done.

Alternate Cheminot Nationale Susie Conrad reported that Nationale will be in Gettysburg, PA and if you hadn't been you should plan on going because you have a lot of fun and meet other Dames and Voyagers.

Correspondante Ethellynn reported she prepares the call, the Agenda for the Presidente, takes minutes, and any other job the Presidente assigns.

Avocat Ethellynn reported that she is here for any questions and if not sure will get to the right Dame and find the correct answer.

Drapeau Susie Conrad reported that she puts the Flag up before the Rendezvous and takes them down afterwards.

Aid to Voiture Louise reported that you need to keep track of the miles, hours, and money that you do for the Voiture. What you do for the American Legion doesn't count.

Americanism Suzie Weiss reported that Cabane 344 attend a Veterans Day Parade for the first time and had fun and reminded us to please salute the flag.

Carville Star Carol explained that it is Hanson Disease and you get credit if you buy subscriptions or buy a country.

Constitution and Bylaws Ethellynn reported that the new Nationale Constitution and Bylaws are printed. Probably errors already but a lot cleaner than before. The five on the committee did a terrific job.

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

Finance Louise presented the Budget for 2024-2025. Budget approved. 2nd and carried.

Nurse's Training Louise reported that all Voitures have a Nurse's Training program and we need to keep our hour, miles, and money to report to Nationale in September.

POW/MIA Jan Martinka reported two (2) 17 year old U.S. Soldiers killed in Korean War now accounted for. Thomas A. Smith of Michigan was a member of the 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company A, 3rd engineer Combat Battalion, 24th Infantry Division in the summer of 1958. The Illinois soldier was identified as U.S. Army Corporal Richard Selover, a member of the Heavy Mortar Co., 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd infantry Division. Both men were declared dead by the Army on December 31, 1953 more than three (3) years after they went missing. Both of their names were recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the cemetery.

Resolutions Karen Bowler reported that she has not received any resolutions.

Ritual Sara Kay reported that there were no changes in the Ritual.

Rules and Order Jane reported that the rest of the Rules and Order are done and will report them at the Spring Cheminot.

Ways and Means collected \$308 with the \$100 being first prize gives final collection of \$208. Great job Dames.

Unfinished business - Correspondante Ethellynn handed out the new Standing Rules.

Cheminot closed by the Ritual at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ethellynn Neville
Correspondante

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Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve donate the contents to a food bank.

- Dec. 1 ... box of cereal
 - Dec. 2 ... peanut butter
 - Dec. 3 ... stuffing mix
 - Dec. 4 ... boxed potatoes
 - Dec. 5 ... macaroni and cheese
 - Dec. 6 ... canned fruit
 - Dec. 7 ... canned tomatoes
 - Dec. 8 ... canned tuna
 - Dec. 9 ... dessert mix
 - Dec. 10 ... jar of applesauce
 - Dec. 11 ... canned sweet potatoes
 - Dec. 12 ... cranberry sauce
 - Dec. 13 ... canned beans
 - Dec. 14 ... box of crackers
 - Dec. 15 ... package of rice
 - Dec. 16 ... package of oatmeal
 - Dec. 17 ... package pasta
 - Dec. 18 ... spaghetti sauce
 - Dec. 19 ... chicken noodle soup
 - Dec. 20 ... tomato soup
 - Dec. 21 ... can corn
 - Dec. 22 ... can mixed vegetables
 - Dec. 23 ... can carrots
 - Dec. 24 ... can green beans
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