

Vancouver Chapter 131

General Membership Meeting

Minutes of the Dec 5, 2023

Officers attending: President Mike Teefy, Vice-president Charlie Caughlan, Treasurer Jim Ellis, Secretary Linda Wallers.

Members and guests attending included Gordon Anderson, Larry Moller, and Morrie Berez.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mike introduced Charlie and the program. Charlie introduced The King's Way High School Choir ensemble and their choirmaster, Emily Jester who performed over 30 minutes of Christmas carol favorites. The five members of the ensemble were Cami S., Claire A., Dayton N., Haley B., and Lilliana S. The chapter provided cupcakes for dessert following the program.



1. The King's Way High School Choir Ensemble (L to R-Cami S., Claire A., Dayton N., Hayley B., and Lilliana S.)

Election of chapter officers: The first order of business after the program was the election of officers. The slate was approved by acclamation. Congratulations to President Mike Teefy, Vice-president Charlie Caughlan, Treasurer Jim Ellis, and Secretary Linda Wallers all serving another term through 2024.

Region IX Training Conference (Oct 24-26, 2024): The chapter will cover up to \$300 of the cost of any officer or member who decides to attend the conference. The conference will include the WSF Annual meeting as well as training for FEDHub, AMS, and WordPress. It will be held at the Three Rivers Resort and Conference Center in Tri-Cities.

2024 Chapter budget: Jim presented the budget for 2024 and Mike went over a few of the items. Linda made a motion and Gordon seconded it to approve the budget for 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurers report: Jim went over the November treasurers report. He stated that he received the WSF 50% matching funds reimbursement of \$254, from WSF treasurer Arlene Patton, for the 2024 Open Season Health Fair ad. The National version of the 50% Matching funds was still pending. November was a slow month for dues with only \$97.84 received from National for annual dues. Jim also mentioned that the budget is in good shape since the chapter saved a lot during the covid quarantine.

The CD quarterly report will be coming out in December so that interest will be reported at the January meeting. Charlie was reimbursed for the projector for use at meetings. We'll be able to test it out in March. Finally, Jim will add the December contributions to the Alzheimer's funds from September through November and send it all out to Alzheimer's Research in Chicago so that 2024 starts off with a clean slate.



2. Choirmaster Emily Jester

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Mike didn't have much to report. Non-postal employees will have to switch health care plans in the 2025 FEHB Open Season since that plan will no longer be applicable. The new USPS Health care plan goes into effect on January 1, 2025.

The next general membership meeting will be on January 2. There will not be an executive board meeting in January 2024. The next executive board virtual meeting will be February 5 at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Chapter 131 Secretary Linda Wallers