Kady Brownell Tent #36 Meeting Minutes October 20, 2024

Meeting opened at 1pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Bible was opened and a prayer said by the Chaplain.

Present: Lynne Dolan Eileen Sleckman Barbara Ulrich-Giaimo Alycia Chillemi Lucy Kramer

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as emailed. The last meeting held was during the Civil War Weekend at The Grange in Sayville and minutes weren't taken.

Treasurer's Report

Lynne reported that the amount of money in the Tent account is \$4,444.71. Dues notices will be going out soon. Laura will be sending out our annual donation to the Honor Flight, Long Island.

Eileen suggested that the Tent send a card to Daryl Holloway, longtime member of Tent 2, who is relocating to Texas.

Eileen made a motion for the Tent to contribute \$50 to St Thomas Episcopal Church in Manhattan towards the Remembrance Sunday ceremony. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Barbara made a motion for the Tent to contribute \$150 towards the Secret Soldier Santa program at the Northport VA. Alycia seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

The Holiday Luncheon on December 8th was discussed. It was decided to make up raffle baskets, focusing on things like lotto tickets, wine and other spirits. Eileen made a motion for the Tent to spend up to \$100 on raffle baskets. Lucy seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Lynne noted that the Veterans Day ceremony at Eisenhower Park would be held on Nov 10th at 10 am and at Long Island National Cemetery at 2pm.

Our slate of Officers for next year are as follows:

President: Lynne Dolan Senior VP: Mary Cordato Junior VP: Alycia Chillemi

Chaplain: Barbara Ulrich-Giaimo Patriotic Instructor: Leslie Wickham

Laura Congleton will remain as Treasurer and Eileen Sleckman agreed to remain as Secretary.

New Business

We have a new website: kadybrownelltent36duvcw.org

This is also connected to the National website and we are working on connecting it to the Dept website as well. Ellen Higgins, PNP has kindly agreed to be our webmaster. We are grateful to have her help! We also welcome Ellen as a Comrade to our Tent and Alycia Chillemi as a new member.

Eileen noted that the Tents in our organization always have the city or town it is based in after the name. Our Tent was originally based in the Bronx but that designation was changed to "Long Island". She suggested we consider changing from "Long Island" to "New York", as New York is a city and Long Island is a region. Eileen felt that "New York" would be more reflective of the tri-state region, where most of our members reside. After some discussion it was decided to ask other members what they think and talk about it at a future meeting.

Several members reported they will be attending Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg, Pa. Our next meeting will be at the Holiday Luncheon on Dec 8th.

Lynne asked that members try to attend the Tent meetings as everyone's input is important.

Meeting ended at 2:45 pm