

Kady Brownell Tent #36  
Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, February 16, 2025

Meeting opened at 1pm with the Pledge and a prayer.

Present:

Lynne Dolan  
Eileen Sleckman  
RuthAnn Williams  
Lynn Dean  
Laura Congleton  
Lucy Kramer  
Janice Guy  
Ellen Higgins  
Debbie Hansen  
Alycia Chillimea

Communications

Lynne read a letter from the Northport VAMC thanking us for the Secret Soldier Santa donations of \$150 and for Stop and Shop gift cards. Eileen reported that the VA also sent a letter thanking us for the personal care items we and the Sons collected at our Holiday party and donated. Lynne welcomed our Dept President, RuthAnn Williams, and suggested having a bakeless bake sale for a Dept fundraiser. Lynne then read a Certificate of Appreciation sent from National to the NY Dept for contributing the largest amount to the National Service Academy Fund (\$110). Laura suggested that our Tent consider donating to the funds in the mid-year.

Eileen made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as posted on the website. Lucy seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Also discussed was the Tent participating in Stamps for the Wounded. This program accepts donations of canceled stamps that are cut off from mail leaving a border of an inch or so left around the stamp. They are useful in therapy. Members are asked to collect these used stamps for donation. Here is the website: <https://www.stampsforthewounded.org/>  
Laura asked that we keep track of any donations for year end reporting.

Lynne reported sending a care box to a soldier deployed in Poland, Pvt Jonathan Poulitt, who our Tent is sponsoring. Laura made a motion for the Tent to provide up to **\$60** for the cost of a care box to Jonathan. Debbie seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Lynne asked Eileen to submit the Credentials Form for Dept Convention being held in Utica on April 4-6th. Lynn, Debbie and Lucy agreed to be listed as Delegate and Delegates at Large. Three other members would serve as Alternates.

Eileen reported that member Zoe Stolbun had generously donated \$50 to the Tent to cover the cost of the annual donation to St Thomas Church for the Remembrance Sunday event, and that the Tent should send her a thank you card.

The password to the members only section of the Tent website was shared. Laura confirmed that the Dept and Tent websites were linked, as well as the Facebook page.

#### Treasurer's Report

Laura reported that \$333.00 was collected at our Holiday Party and that with other Tent donations we have \$450 allocated towards veterans causes. Our total balance stands at \$5,253.35.

Eileen made a motion for the Tent to purchase a full page ad in the Dept Memory Book for **\$25**. Laura seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Eileen made a motion for the Tent to make a donation to the NY Dept for **\$75** towards convention expenses. Laura seconded the motion and all voted in agreement.

Lucy made a motion for the Tent to purchase an ad in the Grant's Tomb Birthday Celebration booklet for up to **\$30**. Debbie seconded the motion and all voted in agreement. Lynne also talked about refurbishing our Grant's Tomb wreath and said she had the flowers for it.

RuthAnn was asked if she planned on having a White Elephant table at the convention and she indicated that she would if people would like to donate such items.

Alycia reported that she was attending a Sea Shanty event at a former Soldiers Home in Snug Harbor on Staten Island, that she thought Civil War soldiers had lived there and would find out more about it.

Lynne reported making a reservation for next year's Holiday Party at the Davenport Press again and that she would ask the Maitre'D to mix up the menu a bit. Overall everyone was happy with the location of the restaurant and the private room we got. This year's party will be on Sunday, Dec 7th, 12:30-4:30.

Ellen reported feeling well after having had her gallbladder removed.

Lynn reported that her daughter and member Rebecca is getting married in June.

Janice asked that anyone going to Dept Convention ask the other NY Sisters to come up with a good skit for National Convention.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 16th at 1pm.

Meeting closed at 2:30 pm