

The Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 met at the Post home on Monday, February 1, 2021. President Firlík called the meeting to order at 7p. Chaplin Olson gave the opening prayer. A moment of silence for the POW/MIA was done. The pledge to the flag was said by, The preamble to the constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was recited by all present. Secretary Maltas took roll call showing 6 officers present with a total of 11 members. Secretary Maltas read the minutes from the November meeting and were accepted.as read. the communications were also read by Secretary Maltas. The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Stricklin and received for audit, Membership Tardio gave the membership report showing 172 members paid with 88% of goal. A thank you was given to all who helped sort and wrapped Christmas gifts that were distributed to 7 families. Included with the gifts was also a certificate from Kroger for a Christmas dinner. Our Auxiliary went in with the VFW 2470 Auxiliary to make this happen. Presents were also boxed and taken to the Pads shelter.. A Post member helped with that delivery. A motion was made and seconded to send Idalia and Jean to the Patriotic Conference in Springfield on March 18 and March 19, A motion was made and seconded for the Easter gift that will be distributed to our veterans in the local nursing homes. Copies of corrections and changes to our standing rules and bylaws were handed out to members to look over and discuss. A motion was made and seconded to accept these changes, These changes ill be--bylaws--all officers will be elected bi- annually and the secretary and chaplin may be appointed. Unit standing rules--any unit president or p along with the memorial. the other change is that we will be able to conduct our meeting virtually if needed. The Auxiliary will starting cooking and serving food on Thursday evenings before the Queen of Hearts drawings from 4p-6:30p starting February 4, 2021. Volunteers will be needed to assist with prep work and serving. We will not be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage this year, Instead we will serve Rueben sandwiches and corned beef sandwiches on Thursday, March 11. More to come this at the March meeting. With no more business to conduct, Chaplin Olson gave the closing prayer. President Firlík adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7p at the Post home.