

President Jean Firlik called the August meeting of the Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary Unit to order at 7p on Monday, August 1, 2022 in the dugout of the American Legion Post 33. Chaplin Nancy Hughes gave the opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed by all for our dead. The pledge to the flag was said by all present. The preamble to the constitution of the American Legion auxiliary was recited by all. Hank Walsh came in to ask the Auxiliary for assistance with the Hoedown he is having for the Post in September. Roll call of officers was taken showing 6 officers present with 21 members present. Secretary Annette Maltas read the minutes from the June meeting and they were approved as read after clarification of who nominated a member for an office. Treasurer Idalia Stricklin gave the treasurer's report and it was received for audit. Treasurer Stricklin gave the final poppy report showing 24 members volunteering (15 Aux, 8 Post 1 SAL), how much the poppies cost, how much was donated and how much would go to the Post and how much the Auxiliary would keep. A membership report was given showing we made goal for 2022 and reminded members to start paying their dues. The Historian report was given by Historian April Tardio. Four girls will be cooking and serving bbq for the community meal at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Notice was given about the 12th District Installation on Sunday, August 7 at the Belvidere Post, Janet Bacon's Homecoming at the Genoa Post on Saturday, August 6 and the 2nd division installation. We will meet at 10 on Tuesday, August 9 to sort paperbacks. Gloria Baxter, president of the VFW Auxiliary, spoke to the membership about helping the VFW. The doors have been shut and they need assistance in helping to reopen. A motion was made and carried to assist the VFW with a monetary donation. A discussion was had about marching in the Festival of Lights parade in November in Ottawa and the Utica parade also in November. There was an election held for the position of vice president for the rest of the term year). There were 4 members running--April Tardio, Val Schiffenbauer, Julie Bykowski and Cathy Lamping. Val was the winner of the election. Val was installed as vice president at this meeting. a special thanks to Post members, Matt Weaver and Bob Cokely for counting the ballots. .With no further business, Chaplin Hughes gave the closing prayer. President Firlik adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be Tuesday ,September 6, 2022 at 7p.