

The Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 held their April meeting at 7p at the Post home. President Jean Firlik called the meeting to order. Chaplin Nancy Hughes gave the opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased. The pledge to the flag was said by all along with the preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. A motion was made by Martha and seconded by Julie to deviate from our agenda. Sargent of Arms Vanessa McCoy escorted Travis Maltas to the front where President Firlik presented him with a \$50 Visa card to show appreciation for the many things that he has done for the Auxiliary. Sargent of arms then brought Hank Walsh to the front where President Firlik presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his help on the Trivia event. Roll call of officers was taken and showed 7 officers present with a total of 16 members present. The minutes were read by Secretary Annette Maltas and were accepted as read. Treasurer Idalia Stricklin gave the treasurer's report and it was received for audit. Membership chairperson April Tardio gave the membership report showing 94.4% of goal. Historian April Tardio gave her historian report. A motion was made by Gloria and seconded by Nancy to make a donation to River Rescue. Another motion was made by Julie and seconded by Val to send a donation to SRRC. A motion was made by Gloria and seconded by Linda to get debit cards to use for our purchases for Bingo, Queen of Hearts and other events and cut down on the use of checks. A motion was made by Vanessa and seconded by April to prepare a meal for the Presbyterian church on [August 21, 2022](#). We will decide later on what to make. Three teams were set up to deliver the tray favors and monetary Easter gifts to the local nursing homes on [Thursday](#) and [Friday](#) before Easter. We will meet on [Wednesday, April 13, 2022](#) at 10a to put our tray favors together. We will meet on [Tuesday, April 12, 2022](#) at 10a to pack more paperbacks to be sent out for Operation Paperbacks. The names were given for our Americanism essay contest. Letters have been mailed to the winners. We will have the winners attend our [May 2](#) meeting along with their families to read their essay and receive their monetary gift. Their English teacher and the essay judge have also been invited.

With no further business, Chaplin Hughes gave the closing prayer. President Firlik adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be [Monday, May 2, 2022](#)