

The Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 met on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7p in the dugout at the American Legion Post 33.

President Jean Firlik called the meeting to order. Chaplin Nancy Hughes gave the opening prayer. The pledge to the flag and the preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary was said by all. A moment of silence was observed by all for our dead. Roll call of officers was taken showing 6 officers present with a total of 12 members present. Secretary Annette Maltas read the minutes from the November meeting and the minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Idalia Stricklin gave the treasurer's report and it was received for audit. April Tardio gave the Historian's report and also the membership report showing 70% of goal. Hank Walsh was presented by Sgt of Arms Vanessa McCoy and talked about the Trivia event we will have on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Department obligations were taken care with a motion made by Nancy and seconded by Vanessa. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Martha to donate to the Red Stocking. We will meet on Thursday, December 8 to get cards ready for the veterans at the LaSalle Veterans Home. On December 16, we will ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger south. We will meet at Annie's for our "girls night out". A basket will be put together after our Kids Xmas party with toys and board games for the Pads shelter. Discussion was held about raising our dues to \$40 per year. Motion to raise by Vanessa and seconded by Nancy.

A letter of thank you was read from Commander Mike Gladd for the donation from the Auxiliary to help the VFW reopen. With no further business, Chaplin Hughes gave the closing prayer and President Firlik adjourned the meeting.

There will be no January meeting.

