

**Minutes from Monthly Meeting of  
Canyon Lake Area Blue Star Mothers  
Saturday, October 7, 2017**

The meeting was **called to order** at 10:18 AM (after packing troop boxes) with 10 members in attendance.

The **Pledge** was led by Mary Harrison and the **Prayer** was led by Patricia Page and Donna Pool.

**Minutes for the August and September:** Motion was made by Reggie Brooks to accept the minutes for August and September; seconded by Marlena Schlater. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** was given by Donna Pool. Checking: \$7,209.31; Money Market: \$10,050.11; total \$17,264.51 as of September 30, 2017.

- **Donations update:** \$2,733 donated since the beginning of September. Forty letters have been sent out for WAA donations.
- **Proposed a budget for 2107-18** in the amount of \$10,000. Donna Pool made a motion to accept the budget; Marlena seconded. It passed unanimously.
- **Audit update:** Marlena, Debbie, and Mary are finalizing the audit.

**Membership:** 20 members, 5 associates, and 5 dads have renewed their membership. You can send a check (\$30 for moms) to CLABSM, PO Box 312312, New Braunfels, TX 78131 or you can renew online with National BSM.

- Donna handed out membership cards to those present.
- New member, Kimberly Jenke, joined online and gave a report on her son, Casey. Casey is in the Navy and stationed in Greece. His dad and grandfather were both seamen.

**Troop Boxes:** This month we sent 12 boxes with blankets made by local Girl Scout troops and snacks.

- **November:** Goode Pecan Pies: 2 per troop
- **December:** Christmas stockings and homemade breads, bars, brownies. It was decided that the cookies crumble and don't arrive in very good shape.

**Old Business/Events:**

- If you shop Amazon, please use **Amazon Smile** and pick Canyon Lake Area Blue Star Mothers as your benefactor. We will receive a percentage of what you spend. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-380469>

- **Wreaths Across America (WAA):** forms have been sent out by Donna via email. Please share these forms and begin collecting wreath donations. The WAA ceremony will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Ft Sam Houston Cemetery. We have an assigned section for laying wreaths. More details as the time gets nearer.
- **9/11 Freedom Walk:** Canyon Dam at 9:00 AM. Julie reported that it was beautifully managed and the weather was perfect.
- **9/11 Patriot's Day at Rudy's:** [Rudy's in New Braunfels](#), 4:30-6:30. We received \$70 at the event and more donations are expected.
- **Gold Star Mothers Day:** Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Patricia Page reported that she had a floral arrangement placed in her church and spoke about Gold Star Mothers and Families Day before the service. The flowers were then taken to a local Assisted Living Center.
- **POW/MIA Day:** Friday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at the [Geronimo VFW](#) We were unable to get a time for this event.
- **POW/MIA Ceremony:** Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the [Startzville VFW](#) at 7:00 PM.
- **National Compliance Reports:** Kathleen and Donna have completed the forms, and we are in compliance with the National BSM organization.

### Upcoming Events

- We still need a Sgt-at-Arms (not a board position) to set up before meetings and keep the Troop board and parade pictures updated.
- **Patient's Day Out:** Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at the [Startzville VFW](#). They need donations of men's shirts, jackets, coats, and sweat pants (size L, XL).
- **WAA Fundraisers on November 11:** Canyon Lake Ace Hardware: Marlana and Mary; Hancock Brookshires on 306: Donna and anyone who wants to help. Reggie is checking into setting up a table in Elgin.

### Troop News:

- Kathleen Fowl is in Oregon with her son, Daniel, while he has reconstructive shoulder surgery.
- Donna Pool's son is awaiting a back surgery date for an injury he received in Iraq.
- Patricia Page attending her son, Jeff's, retirement ceremony on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Jeff retired from the Army with 20 year's service. All 4 of Patricia's military children were able to attend.
- Marlana Schlater's Army son, Mike, retired on September 28<sup>th</sup> with 28 years service. Marlana reported that her Marine son served 22 years and her husband served 30 years.
- Reggie Brooks reported on her two sons. Jacob is needed surgery on his spine for an injury he received in Afghanistan. Jared is back at Camp Mabry after helping

out on the gulf coast following the hurricane. He is on standby now for the next hurricane to hit.

***Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at St. Andrew Lutheran Church at Canyon Lake.***

**December meeting: Westside Community Center, New Braunfels, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM.**

**January meeting: St Andrew Lutheran Church, Canyon Lake, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 24 AM.