

BV Traveling Sams

January 9th, 2025

The Bella Vista Traveling Sams held their first meeting of the year, Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at Colton's Steak House in Rogers. President Jean Justice called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Gary Reynolds led in prayer.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and were approved as read.

Margaret Hazzard gave the financial report. December balance was \$789.30. Income received were one social membership and money for three December meals for a total \$80.00. Expenses, \$412.81 for the meal to Papa Mikes and \$46.00 to the Highlands Park Villa Club House. Leaving a balance \$410.49.

Jean displayed the new Bella Vista Traveling Sams banner. The old banner has been lost for over a year. This new banner is water proof. Gary Reynolds moved to pay Jean \$54.10 for the banner plus \$10 for the grommets.

Jean welcomed first time visitors Gary and Cindy Broaddus to the meeting. Gary and Cindy moved to Bella Vista in October and own a motorhome.

Discussion was held about the campouts for the year. Jean is planning a tour for Thursday of the Arkansas Good Sams Rally and have the members visit the Texarkana courthouse, part is in Arkansas and part in Texas. The Arkansas Good Sams Rally will be held April 17th to the 20th.

The May campout will be May 5th – 8th at Petit Jean State Park. At this time Appel, Broaddus, Fritz, Justice, Natividad, and Reynolds are planning on attending. Fritz and Reynolds volunteered to be Trail Bosses for the campout.

The June campout will be June 2nd to 5th at Fort Smith Riverfront RV Park. Natividads are the Trail Bosses.

July 8th – 11th the campout will be at Port of Kimberling City. The Trail Bosses are Robinsons and Hittles.

If you are planning on going to the Rally, Petit Jean, Fort Smith or Kimberling City you will need to get your reservations in as soon as possible.

The yearly ice cream social will be August 21st at 6:30 the home of Judy Duncan.

Area 1 and 11 Friendship will be September 16th – 19th in Eufaula, OK.

Discussion was held about Devil's Den. It was decided to continue camping for three nights at Devil's Den and cleaning up two mornings. Jean was going to ask if they had other jobs for some to do besides cleaning fire pits. Since Devil's Den will be early November, John Parsons will look into finding a place to camp in October.

Jean had looked at attendance for the last year. Natividads had been present for 10 meetings for the year. Appels, Justices and Reynolds had attended 9 meetings for the year.

Nancy Natividad reported on the VA food closet. Our club is to stock the food pantry in March. She announced that we are to bring our food items to the February and March meetings. She made three deliveries in December because the pantry was empty. Jean suggested that members ask other organizations in which they are active to consider contributing to the pantry.

John Parsons had volunteered to go with Jean to deliver the soda pop tabs to Ronald McDonald house in Springdale.

Happy Birthday wishes were wished to January 1st – Roger Justice, 28th – Tom Ogburn and 31st Beverly Puckett.

Happy Anniversary to Richard and Linda Stewart on January 5th.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 13th, 9 a.m. at Rosita's in Bella Vista. Contact Jean if you plan to attend.

Virginia Reynolds, secretary

Members attending were: Appel, Fritz, Galewski, Hazzard, Justice, Natividad, Reynolds and first-time visitors Broaddus.



Gary and Cindy Broaddus