EXAMPLE LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS with suggested solutions from Mid-Winter Conference

Problem 1: the treasurer wants to purchase a new checkbook system, the desk model with 3 or more checks on one page with the stubs attached. The check book on hand has enough checks for several years. The treasurer feels she has the authority to make this purchase without anyone's consent.
How would you handle this matter?
Solution: Go to bylaws to see if she has the authority. Have the unit take a vote.

Problem 2: Expenses are far more than your income.
How would you handle this matter?
Solution: Apply for grants. Create a budget. Fundraise. Pair with the post for expenses. Redo the expenses.

Problem 3: The mayor has asked your unit to prepare an Americanism program for the City sponsored Senior Center.
What would you do?
Solution: give Flags and ALA coloring books, teach Flag etiquette folding a Flag. Teach proper disposal. Explain patriotic holidays, group photo, promote RED Fridays, trivia contest with prizes, present center with a Flag.

Problem 4: The Auxiliary birthday is approaching and the local library has offered your unit a display cabinet to promote the unit.
What would you put in the display?
Solution: photos of activities. Parades poppy princess copy of charter the Auxiliary hat poppy distribution etc. bullet points of what we do. Pictures of post name sakes. Info on how to join.

Problem 5: Your unit is planning an open house for membership.
What would you put in a member welcome kit?
Solution: application, Flag pin, benefit info, emblem sales info, constitution and bylaws, poppy, web site info, district meeting info, contacts for support.

Problem 6: How would your unit promote the poppy program beyond the distribution?
Solution: poppy coloring contest, corsage or wreath making, promote poppy patch program, poppy queen, poppy painting, craft night open to the public, request proclamation from the mayor.

Problem 7: How would you mentor a new member?
Solution: assign a mentor for that member, explain the programs, meet and greet the other members, welcome kit, make them feel welcome.

Problem 8: How would you successfully run a unit with a small active membership?
Solution: Encourage involvement, just do it, celebrate being a group, have social nights to work on projects. Put everything you do on social media newspapers. Community outreach.