**NEC Council Meeting**

**Reno, Nevada**

**August 9, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by President Donnajean Hakler (FL)

Prayer by Peggy Liss (MI)

Pledge said in unison

Rollcall by Rosalee Waid (NY)

Minutes from last meeting read and on a motion made the Minutes were accepted as read.

Donnajean told us that she had been asked by the National Officers that when we turn in our reports to them that we list the names of the Youth Volunteers, the teachers name, the school or organizations that they are members of. Each National Officer would like to present certificates to them in recognition of their participation in the program they volunteered in.

We were asked to remind our locals and Departments to double check all Revalidation Forms for them to make sure the forms are complete. All information must be filled in when the form is sent to National.

Donnajean had copies of the Committee Appointments that are due back to National by November 1st.

National President Kathy Berning then addressed us. She welcomed us to Convention and thanked us all for the work that we did during the year. She also thanked us for getting our reports in on time.

Carol King then spoke to us. She also welcomed us to convention. She then told us that the National President’s visit form was going to be different this year. She stated that the forms would be given to her instead of Evelyn. She would then number them as she received them. She would the sit down with Evelyn after the convention and work out her schedule at that point. We would then be notified if President Evelyn would come to visit us. (FYI Michigan was #4).

Charlene Key, Convention Chairman< addressed us next. She thanked us for coming to convention and if you have a problem or have a question, please find her and she will help in any way she could. She then told us that we need to put our names on the stub end of our Reno Night tickets. They use them in a drawing for gifts cards of $100.00, $50.00 and $25.00, and the grand prize would be a rifle.

The reports from the NEC’s were all about the basic of Membership and either losing or gaining locals. It seems we all have the same problems with gaining and keeping members.

Mary Duncan (GA) asked for prayer for their President Lorie Williams as she is fighting cancer and could not attend this convention.

Kristy Fry (TN) asked for prayer for Jeanne and John Mitchell. John was operated on for throat cancer and had his voice box removed. Jeanne also was not able to attend and Kristy was taking her place.

To be brought to the floor is the question of the letter received in March about out exempt status 501c (5) or 501c (19).

States Announcing Candidates running for National Office this year.

Alaska – Karin Simmons for Scholarship

Arizona- Sheila Jackson for Hospital

Florida – Evelyn McElvin for President

Dee Baggett for 3rd Vice

Illinois - Leslie Nell for Hospital

Michigan - Faye Richardson-Green for Americanism

Peggy Liss for Chaplain

Ohio - Barbara Valley for 2nd Vice

Pennsylvania - Amy Stopyra for Sargent-At-Arms

Wisconsin - Marvell Ruppel for 1st Vice

Joan Sirek for Americanism

Gloria George (WA) was then elected as President of the NEC Council for 2016-2017.

Closing Prayer by Peggy Liss

Colors were retired.

Respectfully Submitted

Peggy Liss

Representing NEC Woman Patricia Michalski

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