AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary

NEC Council Meeting Minutes

National Convention, Norfolk, Va

Tuesday August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the chairman Gloria George (WA).

Prayer by Peggy Liss (MI)

Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison

Roll Call was taken

Minutes from the last meeting were read and a motion was made to accept the Minutes as read. This passed.

Copies of the sign-up sheet for 2018 National Convention was passed out. These are due back by Nov. 1st.

National President Evelyn McElvin addressed the group. She welcomed each of us to National Convention and wished us a good convention. She mentioned many of the states she had visited and related a few stories on some of them. Thurs – Sat Evelyn has a hand out that will be put at the NEC’s chair, make sure each delegate gets a Dr. Seuss. She thanked everyone for their work. She said we truly “Rocked the Nation”.

Carol King spoke to us. We were welcomed to convention. She stated that the National President’s official visit form was passed out. They should be returned to her and visits would be planned on a first come first served basis. I believe that Michigan was #1 as the form was made out and given to Carol shortly after the meeting. Carol anticipates the NEC report form to be online by December 2017.

Kathy Burning is selling tickets in the back of the room and thanks everyone for purchasing.

Heidi Serpis gave information of duties of the NEC woman. She handed out papers for the newly elected NEC’s. She had some concern regarding the service reports and how they are submitted. This could possibly change.

Convention chair Charlene Kee addressed the group. She thanked everyone for coming to convention. She stated that the shuttles stop at 5:00 pm. Banquet and Virginia Night shuttles will run somewhat later those nights. Door prize numbers will be posted on a white board at the back of the room each morning. Make sure you check it. NEC women should make sure all badges are correct. If you have any questions, problems or concerns please find her and she will help any way she can.

Reports were given from each NEC about the basic membership of their particular state, whether gaining or losing members. Virginia did add 1 new, Washington added 7 new auxiliaries.

Florida presented a new resolution to be brought to the floor. To increase dues to Annual members at large from the current $20 to $25. With $10 to Department and $15 to National.

States Announcing Candidates running for National Office this year:

Alaska - Karin Simmons, Scholarship

Arizona - Florida Shelia Jackson, 3rd Vice (recently transferred from AZ to FL)

Florida - Dee Baggett, 2nd Vice

Kentucky - Barbara Guth, Treasurer

Michigan - Peggy Liss, Chaplain

Ohio - Barbara Valley, 1st Vice

Pennsylvania - Amy Stopyra, Hospital

Wisconsin - Marvell Ruppel, National President

 Joan Sirek, 3rd Vice

The first year as an NEC you are allowed to run for Council Chairman.

Heidi Serpis was elected as NEC Council Chairman for 2017-2018.

Closing prayer by Chaplain Peggy Liss

Colors were retired

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy L. Lynema

Representing NEC Woman Patricia Michalski