**Post-Convention SEC Meeting**

June 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm by President Seletha Robertson

The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Sue Christe

The Salute to the Colors was presented by Sgt-at-Arms Bert Lema

Roll Call of Officers showed all in attendance with the exception of Faye Richardson-Green, Pat Krzesowik and Clarice Poisson, all excused. Considered absent were Rebekah Pickrel, District III President and Lois Juchemich, District VII President.

There was no agenda for the meeting.

Many Officers had no further report. Those with reports were:

* Bert Lema, Sgt-at-Arms – her feet hurt!!
* The Convention Chairman Peggy Liss reported 21 delegates, 24 Officers, 7 PDP’s and 2 guests for a total of 54 registered. It was announced the Convention and Fall Conference will be at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids for the next three years. (NOTE: this was amended later. Fall Conference this year will be in Sterling Heights.)
* The NEC Woman, Pat Michalski stated National convention is in August. Get your tickets for the daily drawings.
* Lenore Uhl thanked Seletha for the good year.
* Harriet Altherr reports we made $1,302 for the weekend. The winners of the Dept. Raffle were:

1st place: Sandy Lacy #57 – Cracker Barrel Rocker

2nd place: Auxiliary #23 – booze raffle

3rd place: ????? from #57 - $50

* Kathy Biela, Personnel Chairman will be updating the records.
* Rose Solak, District I President announced District I is disbanding.
* Rosemary Perdue District II President stated their meetings will be in Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May.
* Fall Conference Chairman Maureen Jackson asked everyone to go back to their local Auxiliary and encourage others to attend Fall Conference.

**President Seletha turned the gavel over to the new Incoming President Wendy Lynema.**

Wendy had her agenda passed out to everyone.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of Officers:

Parliamentarian – PDP Kathy Keizer

Ways & Means – Harriet Altherr

PRO/Historian – PDP Kathy Keizer (to chair a committee)

Higgins Lake Rep: PDP Peggy Liss (2nd year of a two year position)

Personnel Chairman – PDP Kathy Biela

Convention Chairman – PDP Carol Pickett

Fall Conference Chairman – PDP Kathy Keizer

\*\*Motion Carol Pickett/2nd Linda Marshall to approve these appointments. CARRIED

Additional Appointments include:

Hospital – Harriet Biela

\*\*Motion Carol Pickett/2nd Peggy Liss to approve Harriet as Hospital Officer. CARRIED

Americanism – Pat Michalski

\*\*Motion Peggy Liss/2nd Linda Marshall to approve Pat Michalski as Americanism Officer. CARRIED

Scholarship – Sally Abshire

\*\*Motion Clarice Poisson/2nd Leora Williamson to approve Sally Abshire as the Scholarship Officer. CARRIED

3rd Vice Allison Aldrich (who had submitted her resignation as District III President).

\*\*Motion Clarice Poisson/2nd Bert Lema to approve Allison Aldrich as 3rd Vice President. CARRIED

PDP Nancy Middleton installed all the appointed Officers.

Carol Pickett asked for Doreen Pierce to be approved by the President as attendance prize chairman for next year’s convention. (Done)

The Secretary passed out cards for each new Officer to fill in their name, address, phone number, cell number and e-mail address.

The following committees were appointed:

**Grievance Committee** – PDP Nancy Middleton, Chairman, PDP Allison Aldrich, PDP Peggy Liss

\*\*Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Kathy Biela to approve the members of the Grievance Committee appointments. CARRIED

**Appeals Board** – PDP Faye Richardson-Green, Bert Lema, PDP Kathy Biela.

\*\*Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Kathy Keizer to approve the members of the Appeals Board. CARRIED

**By-Law Committee** – Kathy Keizer, Chairman; Peggy Liss; Bert Lema; Seletha Robertson; Sue Christe; Faye Richardson-Green; Doreen Pierce; Pat Michalski; Becky Kovach; Nancy Middleton; Kathy Biela; Kathy Schultz; Allison Aldrich; Cel Rose Solak.

\*\*Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Gloria Hall to approve the members of the By-Law Committee. CARRIED

**Americanism Committee** – Rose Solak, Carol Orlowski, Lee Williamson, Christine Keenan.

\*\*Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Clarice Poisson to approve the members of the Americanism Committee. CARRIED

**Officers 2017/18**

1st Vice President Kathy Schultz presented her Membership incentive contests for approval:

#1 a drawing on the last day of each of the following months: September, October, November and December. All annual members from last year will be in the drawing. On the last day of the month, a name will be drawn. If that person has renewed their dues for this year, they will win. The renewal must have been received by the Department Secretary by the drawing date (NOT postmarked). Winners will have their prize money check mailed to them within two weeks.

Prizes: 1st drawing (Sept 30) $100

2nd drawing (Oct. 31) $75

3rd drawing (Nov. 30) $50

4th drawing (Dec. 31) $25.

Once your name is drawn, you will not qualify for other drawings.

#2 The Auxiliaries with 100% of their life membership hospital dues in by September 30 will be placed in a drawing. The D&R must be received by the Department Secretary with a postmark no later than October 5, 2017.

\*\*Motion Peggy Liss/2nd Kathy Keizer to approve the 1st Vice Presidents membership drawings. CARRIED

2nd Vice President Bert Lema has chosen the theme “Sow Seeds of Service and Commitment”. The Department project is Penrickton Center for Blind Children. The Chairman’s award will be a drawing of all the Auxiliaries who donate to the Department project. It will be a certificate and cash award.

\*\*Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Sally Abshire to approve the 2nd Vice President’s Chairman’s award. CARRIED

3rd Vice President Allison Aldrich. Since she was just appointed minutes ago, she would like to wait until Fall SEC to request approval of her project. The Department Program is Paws With A Cause.

Americanism Officer Pat Michalski will announce her Chairman’s award at a later time.

Scholarship Officer Sally Abshire will also announce her program later.

Hospital Officer Harriet Biela will present her project(s) for Hospital at Fall SEC.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer is looking forward to this year but asks for our patience. She has done local and District Parliamentarian, but not on the Department level. She will be contacting everyone and may ask them questions about their instructions! All the Officer’s Instructions are being passed out today.

President Wendy reminded the District Presidents to schedule a date for her official visit to their District. She asked this be done by Fall Conference.

Announcements:

National Convention: Norfolk, VA – August 7, 2017-August 13, 2017.

Fall Conference – ~~Crowne Plaza for next 3 years~~ (NOTE: since convention, this information has changed. Fall Conference 2017 will be in Sterling Heights on Oct. 7 and 8). It will be at the Crowne Plaza in 2018, 2019, 2020.) The Theme for Fall Conference is “Birds of a Feather – Learn Together”. The Instructors will be Faye Richardson-Green, Bert Lema, Harriet Biela and Christine Keenan. More information will be out asap.

The Ladies Weekend at Higgins Lake will be Friday Oct. 20 to Sunday Oct. 22.

Tentative Presidents Testimonial Date: ~~April 21 or 28, 2018.~~ Exact date will be announced in an upcoming newsletter article. (NOTE: this date has also changed to February 24, 2018.

Convention 2018: Crowne Plaza (for three years)

On 9/11, AMVETS Post #57 will have a Memorial dedication at their Post. (Flyer to be put on the website.) it will begin at 6pm.

Carol Pickett is looking for ideas for making Convention more interesting for more people. We need to get our Auxiliaries to attend.

The newsletter was discussed to see if it is to continue. The cost will be $10 per year (12 issues). It was questioned about why this couldn’t be put on the website for everyone to download. Very few people have access to open the program this is done on. It is simple to use and very convenient for the Secretary.

\*\*Motion Linda Marshall/2nd Maureen Jackson to continue the newsletter. CARRIED

Officers were reminded they have 14 days to read their instructions. After the 14 days, the Parliamentarian will be contacting them to see if they have any questions.

Also a reminder to pick up Officer’s Instructions and any other information the Parliamentarian has.

Benediction by Chaplain Linda Marshall

Retirement of Colors by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

The meeting was adjourned at (?- did not write down the time)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Middleton, Secretary

Approved/corrected by outgoing Parliamentarian 8/20/17

Approved by outgoing President 8/28/17

Incoming President approved with 1 correction 8/19/17

Incoming Parliamentarian approved 8/18/17

8/15/2017