**SPRING S.E.C. MEETING**

**February 18, 2017**

**Causeway Bay Hotel - Lansing Michigan**

**The Spring SEC Meeting was called to order by President Seletha Robertson at 1:07pm**

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**THE INVOCATION was delivered by Chaplain Sue Christe.**

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**PRESENTATION OF COLORS was led by Sgt-at-Arms Bert Lema**

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**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS showed all in attendance with the exception of:**

Hospital Officer Harriet Biela (excused); Scholarship Officer Sally Abshire (excused); Fall Conference Chairman Maureen Jackson (excused); Personnel Chairman Kathy Biela (excused); Ann Arbor VA Rep Pat Krzesowik (excused); Jacobetti Home Rep Judy Smith (excused); District III President Rebekah Pickrel (absent); District VII President Lois Juchmich (absent).

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**FALL SEC MINUTES:**

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Clarice Poisson move to dispense with the reading of the minutes and go into any corrections. CARRIED

Linda Marshall had a correction to the minutes regarding the balance in her savings account. Correction: $885.21.

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Bert Lema to approve the minutes as corrected. CARRIED

*(Note: correction made to the Fall SEC minutes)*

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**FINANCE REPORT:** Gloria Hall, Treasurer

Gloria discussed a problem with the last Texas Hold’em event. She received the original report late and discovered many errors. There were 39 mistakes ranging from the organization name printed wrong to several pages missing or incomplete. Copies of the report are to be sent to the State of Michigan by the 10th of the following month after the final day of the event. In this case, it should have been to the State by January 10th. Gloria received the originals on January 23 so it was too late to correct copies before sending them to the Gaming Commission. It was also stressed the importance of the event chairman and the Principal Officer checking the reports because they are signing the documents and certifying the information is correct.

\*\*Gloria Hall/2nd Clarice Poisson move the Department Texas Hold’em Chairman send the Department Treasurer all the original Hold’em paperwork for review immediately following the last day of the event. The Treasurer will get any corrections to be made and send the copies to the State of Michigan before the deadline. CARRIED

Gloria had copies of the department budget / expenses / balance distributed. She also distributed the finance report. (We have $1,983.67 in the Hospital account; $14,164.06 in the General Fund; $20,134.04 in the restricted savings; $2,865.68 in the donation savings account. We also have $31,560.85 in 4 various Time Deposits).

\*\*Kathy Keizer/2nd Bert Lema move to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit. CARRIED

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**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President Seletha Robertson** started her report by announcing Pat Michalski did 22 pushups (Pat joined Past National Sons of AMVETS in doing push-ups to raise awareness of 22 Vets a day committing suicide)

President Seletha talked about all the negative comments on social media. We need to be careful about what is being said about the AMVETS and the Auxiliary.

There are a couple official visits planned:

 March 22nd, the President will tour Aleda E Lutz VA in Saginaw at 11am

 March 5th is the official visit to District II in Bay City at noon. This is also the date of

the District II Americanism program.

Faye Richardson-Green asked for an announcement of the District V official visit on April 30th (Sunday). We will be touring the Gerald R Ford Presidential Library. Cost is $7 – over 20 people the cost is $6. This will be followed by a meeting and dinner at Post #126 – the home post of President Ford.

President Seletha discussed her testimonial on April 22. There has been a change of venue. A flyer was distributed with the information:

Local 223 Utilities Workers of America - 15160 Commerce Dr. North – Dearborn MI 48120

Cost $36 per person. Tickets must be purchased by 4/8 from Sylvia Apple – 21431 Fenkell Ave – Detroit MI 48223. Checks to be made payable to AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 910. Cel Rose Solak and Dee Jackson also have tickets at this meeting.

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**1st Vice President** Wendy Lynema turned in her activity report. She questioned what was happening with Auxiliary #1978. It was discussed at the Fall SEC but she has not heard if anything is being done about their charter situation. The Parliamentarian stated she is going to discuss this under old business.

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**2nd Vice President** Kathy Schultz turned in her activity report. She said many of the midyear reports she received were not done correctly. There were a lot of errors.

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**3rd Vice President** Martha Popour turned in her activity report. She stated she also had a lot of errors in the reports she received. In some cases she couldn’t open the attachments sent by the locals. She reminded everyone to fill out everything and to round up or down the money to the nearest dollar.

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**Secretary** Nancy Middleton turned in her activity report.

A request was made from National Headquarters for charter start dates for: #110, #122, #123, #171, #1957, #1988, and #3720. This has been requested by e-mail and in the newsletter and on the website. There were several more requested but those have been satisfied. The request for the District dates has been withdrawn. We need the above mentioned 7 charter dates asap.

Nancy discussed the monthly newsletter. She distributed a chart showing each officer and how often they submit articles to the newsletter. 3 Officers (President, Sgt-at-Arms, Hospital, Secretary) had articles in every issue. 1 Officer (1st Vice) missed one issue and the 2nd Vice missed two issues. The remaining officers were in the 1/2 of the issues category to never submit to any issue. This newsletter is supposed to be a help to our local Auxiliaries and provide them with information they can use. It was stated that some Officers may not have something every month for the newsletter, but they should be able to provide information once or twice during the year to our local Auxiliaries.

The Auxiliary website was also discussed. One Officer (Sgt-at-Arms) faithfully sends in a bulletin each month. According to a show of hands, over half of the Officers pull up the website many times during the month. They are unsatisfied to see nothing new added – sometimes for weeks. The Secretary cannot add bulletins that do not exist. She wondered if we could save $25 per month and eliminate the website. Most of the Officers were opposed to that idea. It will be discussed more at Convention and a complete report will be given on the use of the web.

Several things were suggested which could be put on our website. The only thing NOT discussed is how we get our Officers to submit bulletins like they are supposed to. One of the ideas is to put all the local Officers Instructions on the website and not mail them out individually or to the local President. We will try it.

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*Ways & Means Chairman Lenore Uhl announced the winner of the 1st Gas card drawing – Gloria Hall.*

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**Treasurer** Gloria Hall turned in her activity report and had nothing more to report

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**Parliamentarian** Pat Michalski sent out an e-mail in January to 27 Officers. She did not receive a reply from 12 of them. She requested any changes the Officers may have on their instructions. Pat stated 3 Officers sent in changes plus the Secretary. These are the changes requested:

Sgt-At-Arms: Article V #1

You shall make sure that you have adequate table & chairs for members and guests at a meeting. Try to avoid placing chairs behind the head table.

CHANGE TO READ: You shall make sure that you have appropriate equipment as well as adequate table and chairs for members and guests at a meeting. Try to avoid placing chairs behind the head table. (Reason: equipment would cover the easel, paper, markers, chalk, microphone, etc.)

\*\*Linda Marshall/2nd Peggy Liss move to approve the change. CARRIED

Article V #5

At Department Convention, be sure to have each Auxiliary number on individual slips of paper as they will be used to draw the voting order. During elections, when needed, you shall record the number of votes from each local on a blackboard set up in front of the meeting room.

CHANGE TO READ:

At Department Convention, be sure to have each Auxiliary number on individual slips of paper as they will be used to draw the voting order. During elections, when needed, you shall record the number of votes from each local on a blackboard, white board or poster paper set up in front of the meeting room.

\*\*Peggy Liss/2nd Kathy Keizer move to approve the change. CARRIED

It was discussed about adding this to the convention chairman’s instruction so the equipment could be ordered from the hotel. The Secretary stated she has 3 collapsible easels and large poster size paper tablets in her equipment and we shouldn’t be ordering (and paying for) extra equipment.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

Recommend when acronyms are used, it would be helpful if it was spelled out at least once. Example: SEC – State Executive Committee – 1st appearance is on page 76 – Article I

Article II #1A

Three (3) copies of your activity reports are to be turned in to the Sgt-at-Arms at the Fall and Spring SEC meetings prior to the start of the meeting.

CHANGE TO READ:

Three (3) copies of your activity reports are to be turned in to the Sgt-at-Arms at the Fall (October) and Spring (February) SEC meetings prior to the start of the meeting.

\*\*Clarice Poisson/2nd Bert Lema move to approve this change. CARRIED by majority (2 opposed)

Article VI #1

You are a member of the SEC and shall report to the Department all work being done and the needs of the local Auxiliaries in your District.

ADD: Your uniform should include the Department level hat – not the District level hat since you are a member of the SEC.

\*\*Peggy Liss/Cel Rose Solak move to approve this change. CARRIED

NEC WOMAN:

Article III #10

When the National 3rd Vice President makes her official visit to PAWS, you or your Representative shall have a budgeted amount to entertain her.

 CHANGE TO READ:

add last line: The unused monies are to be returned to the Dept. Treasurer

After a discussion, this was amended to read: The unused monies are to be returned to the Department Secretary along with receipts.

\*\*Kathy Keizer/Clarice Poisson move to approve the change. CARRIED

SECRETARY

Article I #2

You shall be selected by the Personnel Committee with the approval of the S.E.C. and shall

serve for a period of two (2) years. You shall be a voting member of the Executive Committee

(but NOT a member of the Executive Board) and are answerable to the President and

Personnel Committee. You shall hold no other office on the Department Level.

CHANGE: delete Personnel Committee and add Personnel Chairman.

\*\*Clarice Poisson/2nd Kathy Keizer move to accept change. CARRIED

**ARTICLE II – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

**Prior to Convention:**

6. The Department Parliamentarian will provide you with a schedule showing when the Department Officers are to submit bulletins for the website.

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Peggy Liss move to delete #6. CARRIED

**Following Convention:**

4. Mail all donation checks approved at the Convention, unless the Department Service Officer wishes to send the donation.

Add: Addresses to be provided by the Dept. Service Officer.

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Peggy Liss move to accept change.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership Cards:**

4. When cards are received from National Headquarters put them in alphabetical order by

Auxiliary. Divide them by Auxiliary using tabs, index cards, etc. and keep them in a file box.

CHANGE: add 1st Vice President gets the Department portion of the card.

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Kathy Keizer move to accept change. CARRIED

NEW #5

Make up membership contest forms for the 1st Vice President – if requested.

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Clarice Poisson move to accept new #5 CARRIED

**Dues & Remittance Forms:**

1. Process D & R’s when they are received.

D. Paperclip cards to the D & R that will be sent to National Headquarters.

3. Once or twice a month (more often if several D & R’s are received), prepare a National

Transmittal form, get a check from the Treasurer and mail the original copies to National Headquarters with *the National cards and* a check. Before mailing, copy each sheet sent to National *and permanently attach the National portion of the card to its corresponding* D & R. Keep the copies in a binder.

 CHANGE TO #1 AND #3: Delete words concerning National portion of the cards (expl. The national portion of the cards has been eliminated.)

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Clarice Poisson move to make changes. CARRIED

7. After processing, keep all D & R’s received in a folder, binder or hanging file by Auxiliary. ADD – Use whatever is most convenient for you. Automatic Change

8. Keep an updated membership chart listing each Auxiliary’s life members, life members due, new life, renew to life, annual paid, annual due, new members and total current

membership. Compare your chart totals bi-monthly (or more) with the Department 1st

Vice President.

REWORD: Compare your membership chart totals monthly with the Department 1st Vice President.

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Keizer move to accept change. CARRIED

9. If a Local Auxiliary wishes to delete a Life member from their Auxiliary due to having no contact, they shall send a letter to the last known address they have for the member. If returned, they will make a copy of the returned envelope for their files and forward the original to you so you can remove that member from their roster and make the member a “member at large”.

REWORD FOR BETTER CLARIFICATION:

 If a local Auxiliary wishes to delete a Life member from their roster because there is not contact for several years, the following must be followed:

1. Send a letter to the member at the last known address (use the address from the National roster.
2. If the envelope is returned by the Post Office “address unknown”, make a copy of the envelope. Send the original envelope to the Dept. with a completed transfer form for M.A.L.

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Keizer move to approve rewording. CARRIED

ARTICLE V – BULLETINS/MAILINGS

1. Check the Local/District Revalidation Forms for the name and address of the person who will get the official mailing from the Department. Make labels for each, along with labels for each Department Officer.

REWORD: Last sentence change to read: Make labels for each. Also make three or four labels with the name (and address) of each Department Officer**.**

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Linda Marshall move to accept rewording. CARRIED

1. Immediately following Department Convention, you will list the Department Officers, their address and e-mail address on the Department website**.** A copy is also sent to the AMVETS Executive Director.

DELETE: Last line (copy to AMVETS Exec. Director). (Expl: this is in Article II #1 (following convention)

Automatic Change

4. Special items that must be included in bulletins or mailed separately:

 A. Revalidation forms – to Local/District Auxiliaries in January.

CHANGE: Revalidation forms will be sent to each local Auxiliary in the March Convention Digest.

\*\*Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Keizer move to approve the change. CARRIED

 C. Mid-year membership chart – to Local Auxiliaries in January.

CHANGE: the Midyear membership chart will be put in the Convention Digest in March.

\*\*Kathy Keizer/2nd Bert Lema move to approve the change. CARRIED

 D. Final Rosters – to Local Auxiliaries by June 10.

CHANGE: Final Rosters are done by the 1st Vice as of June 5 and sent to the local Auxiliaries by June 10**.**

\*\*Kathy Keizer/2nd Peggy Liss move to approve the change. CARRIED

 E. Convention status report – to Local Auxiliaries by June 10

 F**.** Tentative Convention agenda – on Auxiliary website in March.

CHANGE: Tentative Convention agenda will be on the Auxiliary website in March and the final agenda will be on the website in June.

***I do not have any notes if a motion was ever made on this.***

ARTICLE VI – FALL CONFERENCE

1. All materials used for the instruction classes are to be to you two (2) weeks prior to fall Conference.
2. A welcome letter from the Fall Conference Chairman and Department President are to be to you two (2) weeks prior to the Fall Conference.

CHANGE: both 2 and 3 – materials and welcome letters are to be to you three (3) weeks prior to the Fall Conference.

\*\*Kathy Keizer/2nd Peggy Liss move to approve the change. CARRIED

3 Pre-registration forms will be put on the Auxiliary website approximately two (2) months prior to Fall Conference.

ADD: Also include the agenda on the website when it is received from the President.

\*\*Clarice Poisson/2nd Bert Lema move to accept the addition. CARRIED

ARTICLE VII – REVALIDATION FORMS

1. New Revalidation forms must be sent to each Local Auxiliary in March. Automatic change – Article V section 4)

B. Clearly inform the Auxiliary the deadline date for returning the form to you is postmarked by May 20th .

CHANGE TO READ: Clearly inform the Auxiliary the deadline date for returning the form to the Parliamentarian is postmarked by May 20th. (Automatic change per by-laws)

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Clarice Poisson move to delete the remaining the sections from the Secretary’s instructions and add them to the Parliamentarian’s instructions. CARRIED

ARTICLE IX – FINANCIAL

Department Vouchers:

1. You or the Treasurer will design voucher forms for the current year for each account

 for use by yourself and the Department Treasurer.

 A. General Fund.

 B. Hospital Fund.

 C. Savings Fund #1.

 D. Savings Fund #2.

2. Vouchers will contain the following information:

 A. Date of check.

 B. To whom the check is written.

 C. Reason for check.

 D. Check number.

 E. Voucher number.

 F. If there are receipts.

 G. Transmittal numbers (if applicable).

 H. Mileage (if applicable).

3. Voucher numbers will correspond with the check number. (i.e. check #2197 – voucher

 number 197).

4. No checks are written without a voucher.

5. The Department Treasurer will keep the original voucher along with the receipts. The

 Department Secretary will keep a copy of the voucher.

DELETE entire section and put in Treasurer’s Instructions.

\*\*Kathy Keizer/2nd Clarice Poisson move to delete in its entirety. CARRIED

ARTICLE X1 – CONVENTION DIGEST

New #3 ITEMS WHICH GO IN THE CONVENTION DIGEST:

 Revalidation form

 Donor’s Rules (Honors & Awards Chairman)

 Convention Hotel information (Convention Chairman)

 Tentative Agenda (President)

Bulletins from Service Officers, Membership, finance, President, Ways &

 Means and others who wish to have something in there.

\*\*Clarice Poisson/2nd Peggy Liss move to accept the new #3 for Article XI. CARRIED

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The Secretary is to notify the NEC about National donations by November 15. This was not done (there weren’t any made by that date.)

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**Chaplain Sue Christe** turned in her activity report. Sue reminded everyone to send her the names for the Department Memorial Service at Dept. Convention.

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**Sgt-at-Arms Bert Lema** will be contacting local Sgt-at-Arms who may be at our Department Convention. She would personally like to invite them to act as Pages or be in the Color Guard

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**Hospital Officer Harriet Biela** – excused. A letter was received from Harriet asking for approval of a 2nd Deputy at John Dingell VAMC. She submitted the name of Cynthia Manardo from Post #57, who is the local Hospital Chairman.

There was also a letter from Cel Rose Solak stating she would be interested in an appointment as Deputy for John Dingell VAMC if another one was needed/wanted.

\*\*Linda Marshall/2nd Clarice Poisson move to accept Cynthia Manardo as the 2nd Deputy for John Dingell VAMC. CARRIED

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**Scholarship Officer Sally Abshire** – excused, The Secretary announced she had Scholarship Memorial Cards with her if anyone needed to buy some. (Note: no one did).

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**Americanism/SOS Officer Carol Orlowski** had no report for Americanism or SOS. Bert Lema states she had tickets for the Americanism raffle.

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**NEC Woman Pat Michalski** clarification was asked for in the budgeted line item for the National President’s entertainment/meal on her official visit and for the National 3rd Vice’s entertainment/meal when she visits PAWS. It was questioned if the NEC Woman takes the National President or National 3rd Vice to dinner, does this amount cover the NECs expense too? Consensus is it covers both up to the budgeted amount. This could also cover a guest of the Pres./3rd Vice or traveling companion up to the total amount of the budget. Any excess funds would be returned. Receipts are required.

Pat has received letters from Wisconsin announcing Joan Sirek will be seeking the office of 3rd Vice President. Arizona sent a letter announcing Sheila Jackson will be seeking the office of 3rd Vice President. Kentucky announced Barbara Guth will be seeking re-election to the Office of Treasurer.

Because of her husband’s health issues, Pat will not be able to attend the NEC meeting in March. President Seletha is our alternate NEC and also will be unable to attend. Pat suggested the President appoint an Acting NEC Woman for the meeting. President Seletha asked for approval of Faye Richardson-Green.

\*\*Motion Wendy Lynema/2nd Clarice Poisson move to approve Faye Richardson-Green as the acting NEC Woman for the upcoming NEC meeting. CARRIED

Pat stated she has done the National reports and submitted them to National Headquarters.

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**Fall Conference Chairman Maureen Jackson** – excused

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**Convention Chairman Peggy Liss** put some information in the newsletter. The room rate is $97.30 (includes tax). We are at the same hotel we were at last year – and the year before. The block of rooms has not been set up yet. Possibly next week – so wait to book your rooms until they are blocked.

Gloria Hall noted we will have a separate account for Auxiliary rooms so please state you want the Ladies Auxiliary block.

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**Ways & Means Lenore Uhl –** distributed tickets for the Department raffle at Convention. The prizes are: 1st Cracker Barrel Rocking Chair (certificate so you can pick out your color at your local Cracker Barrel Restaurant. 2nd Prize Cooler of Cheer. 3rd Prize $50 bill. Tickets need to be returned to her by June 1st.

Lenore thanked all those who helped at Fall Conference. This year at convention she will need Chinese Auction prizes, mystery prizes, and soda donations. She will also have gas card raffles.

Lenore was asked about the car raffle. (her Auxiliary did the raffle because the AMVETS didn’t approve it.). Not enough tickets were sold to raffle the car so the winner (from the Detroit area) was awarded $1,740 cash. After expenses, a large donation was sent to the Department (note: $1,200 – thank you!!)

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**Back to Convention Chairman Peggy Liss** Peggy forgot to get approval for the Credentials Chairman. Faye Richardson-Green had agreed to do it. Rosemary Perdue had been approved at Fall Conference for the Attendance Prize Chairman.

\*\*Pat Michalski/2nd Clarice Poisson move to appoint Faye Richardson-Green as Credentials Chairman. CARRIED

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**PRO/Historian Dee Jackson** requests items/pictures/articles/etc. for the President’s book. Pictures can be e-mailed to Dee at dee910@gmail.com.

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**Personnel Chairman Kathy Biela** was excused but sent a note stating she had sent her activity report. She also wanted it announced that applications are currently being accepted for the position of Dept. Executive Secretary and anyone interest should contact her for an application. (NOTE: klb428@aol.com)

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**Liaison Officer Faye Richardson-Green**  went to the AMVET SEC for clarification and/or verification of their By-laws which states the J.A. reviews the Auxiliary by-laws. The AMVETS verified the Department J.A. only reviews the Department Auxiliary by-laws. He does not review any local by-laws.

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**Honors & Awards Faye Richardson-Green** reported on the Honors & Awards Committee meeting earlier in the day. There cleared up some questions about Donors Rules. Faye will check with Donors to try get the wording the same on the Donor’s Rules. We have two additional awards at this time without donors: The PDP Janice Hapner Hospital Award (41+) and the PDP Jeanne Wedyke Hospital Award (any size Aux.).

\*\*Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Peggy Liss move the two open awards, PDP Jan Hapner Hospital Award (41+) and PDP Jeanne Wedyke Hospital Award (any size) be converted to Department of Michigan Awards for their categories and a certificate be issued until a Donor takes over the award. CARRIED.

There is also no Donor yet for the Scholarship Award (10 to 40). This will continue as a Dept. Award and a certificate will be presented.

There was also a discussion of the wording of the individual awards regarding ‘postmarked and/or submitted’. Each Donor is the only one who can change their award.

Clarice Poisson wishes to delete the work postmarked in her Scholarship Award (41+) and add the word submitted.

\*\*Clarice Poisson/Kathy Keizer to approve the change. CARRIED

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**Higgins Lake Lodge Rep Peggy Liss** announced the new Lodge Chairman is Craig Robertson from AMVET Post #13. Furniture has been donated (approx. $580); A washer, dryer and refrigerator were purchased ($75 each). White towels, utensils, cups and kitchen ‘stuff’ are still needed.

They are planning on a cleanup in April but no date has been sent. Peggy will notify everyone when the time and date has been selected.

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**District I President Cel Rose Solak** has no recommendation. She announced Bert Lema will be a candidate for 2nd Vice President at the Department Convention.

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**District II President Rosemary Perdue** turned in her activity report. She also introduced a guest from District II – Marcie Schmidt.

This is a recommendation from District II: (copy given to Secretary for the minutes)

The Liaison Officer take to the AMVETS our concerns about the AMVETS Director.

She should look like an Executive Director for AMVETS.

She should be given protocol procedures when conducting a ceremony or Ex.

At the 2016 Fall Conference, she introduced the Dept. Commander and turned it over to Seletha (she did NOT introduce as the Dept. President). We knew who she was, but many new members there may NOT have known who she was.

The Protocol for Fall Conference and Dept. Convention for the Auxiliary Fall Conference and a Convention Chairman (don’t think the AMVETS do, probably that is why the Executive Director is doing it). Usually the Executive Director would introduce the Auxiliary Chairman who in turn will introduce the Dept. President. The Dept. President in turn will introduce the National President, if in attendance.

\*\*Rosemary Perdue/2nd Linda Marshall move to accept this recommendation.

\*\*Motion Christin Keenan/2nd Peggy Liss move to amend the motion to read ‘He/she” when speaking specifically of the Exec. Director, whoever it may be. CARRIED

Motion CARRIED as amended.

Rosemary announced Peggy Liss will be seeking re-election to the office of National Chaplain.

\*\*Rosemary Perdue/2nd Bert Lema move Michigan support Peggy Liss for the Office of National Chaplain. CARRIED

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**District III President Rebekah Pickrel** absent

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**District V President Kathy Keizer** turned in her activity report. She introduced a guest from District V, Becky Kovack from Auxiliary 4250.

Kathy announced Wendy Lynema would be seeking the office of Department President at the June Convention. She has the full support of her Auxiliary and District.

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**District VI President Christine Keenan** submitted her activity report and reviewed her instructions. She e-mailed requested changes to the Parliamentarian.

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**District VII President Lois Juchemich** – absent

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**Aleda E Lutz VA Rep Linda Marshall** turned in her activity report. The Dept. President will be touring Aleda E Lutz VA on March 22. Linda has $91.51 in her checking account and $385.62 in the savings account.

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**Ann Arbor VA Rep Pat Krzesowik** – excused. Pat called and was having her grandson send her activity report. It has not arrived yet. (Secretary’s Note: When Pat returns from Las Vegas I will call her. Her grandson always sends her report – even when she comes to the meeting – but I think he is using the Comcast e-mail.)

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**Battle Creek VA Rep Faye Richardson-Green** turned in her activity report. She has $474.98 in her checking account.

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**John Dingell VA Rep Harriet Biela** – turned in her activity report. She has $436.72 in her account. She also reminded everyone the order for the hospital pins and bars needs to be turned in by 3/1/17.

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**Grand Rapids Home Rep Clarice Poisson** turned in 4 copies of her activity report. There have been a few problems at the Grand Rapids Home but they are working on them. They are in the process of putting up a new building for 150 residents. When it’s done, they will probably tear down the Rankin Building. They are also building a residents home in Detroit and plan on possibly 3 more in Michigan. This way the Veterans can be closer to their home city.

Clarice has $400 in her savings account and $264.35 in checking (her report which she turned in has it backwards!!!)

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**Jacobetti Home Rep Judy Smith** – excused. Judy turned in her Activity report. She has $283.88 in checking and $6.87 in savings.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Peggy Liss reported on a new Membership Brochure coming from National. It will have a membership application attached.

Auxiliary #1978 was discussed. They are not in good standing. They have not revalidated or sent in their e-postcard. They have not had any membership since 12/31/2015. The Dept. Secretary received memberships from them the other day and she is not sure what to do with them or who should be taking care of this. The District V President has tried numerous times to get this taken care of. At the Fall SEC we voted to give them until 11/1/16 to get up to charter. As directed by the SEC, President Seletha wrote them a letter on November 29th.

\*\*Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Clarice Poisson move the Parliamentarian is to write Aux. #1978 a letter which will also include the President’s signature saying their Charter has been pulled.

It was suggested the motion include the Membership Chairman (1st Vice) and the District V President receive a copy of the letter.

Now reads:

The Parliamentarian is to write Aux. #1978 a letter which will also include the President’s signature saying their Charter has been pulled. The Membership Chairman (1st Vice) and the District V President are to receive a copy of the letter.

Motion CARRIED

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The Secretary discussed her contest which was in the January newsletter. Many people called and found some mistakes but only 8 found the ‘on purpose’. The first one to find it correctly was Peggy Liss. As promised, Peggy will receive a ‘fabulous prize’ and each of the other Finders will also receive a slightly less ‘fabulous prize’. Prizes not available at this time – but they will be here.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bert Lema distributed a flyer for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for a 911 Remembrance Memorial at their Post. It has a piece of the Twin Towers imbedded in a monument. The flyer will be put on the website. The date is April 20 from 4pm to 8pm. Price is $10 for adults, children 5 to 10 $5 and children under 5 – free.

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**PAY THE BILLS**

\*\*motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Peggy Liss to pay the bills. CARRIED

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**BENEDICTION**

The benediction was delivered by Chaplain Sue Christe

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**RETIREMENT OF COLORS**

The Colors were retired by Sgt-at-Arms Bert Lema

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Approved by Parliamentarian – with corrections

 2/23/2017

Approved by President – with correction 3/5/2017

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Middleton, Exec. Secretary

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