

**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Michigan**

**POST CONVENTION S.E.C. MEETING
June 10, 2018**

The Post Convention SEC meeting was called to order at 12:17pm by President Wendy Lynema.

The invocation was presented by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The salute to the Colors was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary showed all in attendance with the exception of 3rd Vice President Allison Aldrich – absent.

Final Reports of 2017-18 Officers:

President Wendy Lynema – N/A

1st Vice President Kathy Schultz – N/A

2nd Vice President Bert Lema – N/A

3rd Vice President Allison Aldrich – absent

Secretary Nancy Middleton reminded everyone about the Manual for sale for \$12. She also stated all Department mail is sent to the person requested on the revalidation forms.

Treasurer Gloria Hall asked how the \$600 in the Carillon funds would be divided.

**Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Harriet Biela to send \$200 to each of the following: Fort Custer, Great Lakes and Jacobetti. CARRIED

Americanism Pat Michalski – N/A

Hospital Harriet Biela - N/A

Scholarship Sally Abshire – N/A

Chaplain Linda Marshall – N/A

NEC Woman Pat Michalski – N/A

IPDP-Honors & Awards Seletha Robertson – N/A During the Higgins Lake Auxiliary weekend, six PDPs held a meeting to discuss the Donor's Rules instructions. They were PDP Allison Aldrich, PDP Maureen Jackson, PDP Kathy Keizer, PDP Peggy Liss, PDP Pat Michalski and PDP Nancy Middleton. The following suggestions were made:

#1 Each year the Honors & Awards Chairman will contact the Donor's to verify the written rules are correct. If changes are requested, the H&A Chairman will bring those changes to the Spring SEC for approval. Approved changes will be made to the Donor's Rules and will be included in the March Convention Digest mailing.

Donor's Rules Requirements:

#1 Past Department Presidents shall have the first option of sponsoring an award when it becomes available (i.e. There is no longer a donor). The award will be for ten (10) years. At the end of the award period, the Donor shall have the option of continuing the award for an additional ten (10) years.

#2 If there is no Past Department President sponsoring an award, a District may be the Donor for a period of 3 years. At the end of the three (3) years, the District may have the option of continuing the award for an additional three (3) years if there are no Past Department Presidents requesting the award.

#3 All awards will be in the name of the Donor (i.e. PDP Kathy Keizer Class A Membership Award). If a donor wishes to honor a deceased PDP, the information will be included under the Award name.

#4 In the case of a death of a Donor, if the award is a plaque, the award will be continued for a maximum of three (3) years or until the plaque is filled – whichever is less.

#5 In the case of a monetary award, if the Donor does not supply the funds for the award, they will forfeit the award. The Department will present a certificate only. The award money will not be the responsibility of the Honors & Awards Chairman nor the Department of Michigan Auxiliary.

#6 Traveling awards or monetary awards will be presented at the Honors & Awards program at the Department Convention. Because there are many Auxiliaries without Post Homes to hang traveling awards, monetary awards may be an option. The Department will prepare a certificate to present with the donation. It is further suggested to limit the amount of the monetary award to a maximum of \$25 each year.

**Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Nancy Middleton to approve the recommendations for the Donor's Rules instructions and requirements. CARRIED

There was a discussion concerning reports. The Secretary suggested when Honors & Awards completes their selection of winners, only the top cover sheet is given to the Secretary to make the awards certificates. Giving the actual reports to the Secretary causes too many questions on how they are judged. Because of these questions, Nancy Middleton is sadly withdrawing her Child Welfare Award. It is now available to another Donor.

**Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Keizer the Secretary will only receive the top sheet listing the winners without the reports from Honors & Awards. CARRIED

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer – N/A Leora Williamson thanked Kathy for all the work she did on the by-laws and Officers instructions.

Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr thanked everyone for their support. She has enjoyed serving as the W&M Chairman.

PRO/Historian Kathy Keizer is still requesting pictures for the President's book.

Convention Chairman Carol Pickett just said "IT'S OVER!!!!"

Fall Conference Chairman Kathy Keizer has the files ready to turn over.

Personnel Chairman Kathy Biela – N/A

Higgins Lake Lodge Rep. Peggy Liss – N/A

Website Committee Chairman Pat Michalski – N/A

VAVS/Home Reps: Linda Marshall, Pat Krzesowik, Faye Richardson-Green, Harriet Biela, Clarice Poisson and Judy Smith – N/A

District Presidents:

District I Cel Rose Solak – N/A

District II Rosemary Perdue announced Peggy Liss is the new District President

District V Faye Richardson-Green N/A

District VI Christine Keenan stated there is no longer a District VI. Because of this, the District VI Hospital Award in memory of Mary Leach is no long being given.

District VII Betty Petitjean – N/A

Unfinished Business:

1. Gloria passed out checks for mileage, etc.
2. Harriet Biela turned over her files as Hospital Officer.
3. Harriet Altherr handed out the Dept. Raffle prizes (“scratchy things”) to the winners.

PRESIDENT WENDY TURNED TO GAVEL OVER TO NEW PRESIDENT KATHY SCHULTZ.

Roll call of incoming Officers by Department Secretary showed all in attendance.

President Kathy made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer
Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr
PRO/Historian Betty Petitjean
Higgins Lake Rep Peggy Liss
Personnel Chairman Kathy Biela
Convention Chairman Maureen Jackson
Fall Conference Chairman Maureen Jackson
2nd Vice President Kathy Keizer
Scholarship Officer Maribeth Wescott

**Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Cel Rose Solak to approve the appointments. CARRIED

PDP Judy Smith installed the President’s appointments.

Committee appointments were approved as follows:

Grievance Committee: Judy Smith, Chairman, members Nancy Middleton and Bert Lema

Appeals Board: Chairman Faye Richardson-Green, members Allison Aldrich and Christine Keenan

Americanism Committee: Sharon Brown (Aux. #120), Martha Pfeiffer (Aux. #114) Cel Rose Solak (#57), Pat Michalski (Aux. #22)

By-Laws Committee: Chairman Kathy Keizer, members Bert Lema, Sue Christe, Doreen Pierce, Nancy Middleton, Betty Petitjean, Wendy Lynema, Peggy Liss, Seletha Robertson, Becky Kovach, Pat Michalski, Cel Rose Solak, Linda Marshall, Christine Keenan, Judy Smith.

Credentials Chairman: Pat Whitcher

Attendance Chairman: Kathy Biela

2018/19 Officers programs, awards, projects, etc.

The President's Theme is: Paint a Year of Peace & Freedom.

1st Vice President's theme is Membership-Friendship. She asked for approval for the following membership contests:

#1, everyone who renews their membership between July 1 and October 31 on D&Rs postmarked by Nov. 5 will qualify. Three names will be drawn for a cash award of \$25 each.

#2 All Auxiliaries who send 100% of their life member's hospital donations to the Dept. postmarked by 9/30/18 will be put in a drawing to win \$25 at the 2019 convention.

#3 All annual renewal D&Rs postmarked by 12/31/2018 will be in a drawing for one night's lodging at the 2019 Fall Conference.

For her Chairman's award, there will be a drawing from all the names who renewed on D&Rs postmarked by 12/31/18. The winner will receive a certificate and a monetary award.

**Motion Bert Lema/2nd Maureen Jackson to approve the 1st Vice's awards. CARRIED

2nd Vice President Kathy Keizer was just appointed 2nd Vice so she will be working on a project/program and will request approval at the Fall SEC.

3rd Vice President Clarice Poisson would like a Chairman's Award which will be a drawing from all who participate in the PAWS program.

**Motion Clarice Poisson/2nd Linda Marshal to approval the Chairman's award for 3rd Vice. CARRIED

Americanism Officer Christine Keenan stated the National Americanism Contest theme is "Why We Should Thank a Veteran".

Christine would like the Deployed Michigan National Guard Reserve as the SOS project.

**Motion Christine Keenan/2nd Judy Smith move to accept this SOS project.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Christine will bring specific project plans to the Fall SEC.

Scholarship Maribeth Wescott will bring plans for the Scholarship program to the Fall SEC.

Hospital Officer Leora Williamson discussed mending and sewing projects for the next year. More details are to follow.

Ways & Means Harriet Altherr requested Texas Hold'ems, 50/50s, gas cards, quarter auction, convention raffle (lottery tickets), and possibly other projects.

**Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Linda Marshall to accept the Ways & Means plans for fundraisers. CARRIED

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer passed out a complete set of Officer's Instructions to each Officer. It included a copy of the website bulletin and/or newsletter article submission date for each Officer.

Secretary Nancy Middleton reported the complete list of local Officer's listings is in the Officer's Instructions which were distributed by the Dept. Parliamentarian. She also reminded anyone who wants the Dept. newsletter, they need to make out a check to the Dept. in the amount of \$10 and turn it in. The June newsletter will go out within the next two 2 weeks. It will be just a synopsis of this convention. Officers will need to send in articles based on the schedule done by the Parliamentarian. The new year for the newsletter starts in July and runs through next June.

Doreen Pierce (PDP) questioned if she can now vote at an SEC meeting. Answer: Yes – Past Department Presidents now have a vote at the SEC meetings.

Convention Chairman Maureen Jackson requested a Chairman's Award. It would be a drawing and the requirements for entry would be having more delegates at the 2019 convention than at the 2018 convention.

**Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Cel Rose Solak to approve the Convention Chairman's award. CARRIED

Fall Conference Chairman Maureen Jackson requested a Chairman's Award. It would be a drawing from all the 1st timers at Fall Conference based on the 1st timer's entry on the registration form.

**Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Kathy Keizer to approve the Fall Conference Chairman's award. CARRIED

There was a discussion concerning information in the Officer's files which are passed on to the new Officer. The instructions say 1 year and some felt there should be more information for the newer Officers.

**Motion Carol Pickett/2nd Peggy Liss to change instructions to read there shall be 2 years of Officers information in their files.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer would like to present an award next year. There will be a drawing for a *F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S* prize. To be in the drawing, an Auxiliary local revalidation form must be perfect!

**Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Maureen Jackson. To approve the Parliamentarians contest. CARRIED

Upcoming Dates:

National Convention 2018 – Orlando Florida 8/7-11, 2018

Fall Conference – Grand Rapids 9/28-30, 2018

Spring SEC - Grand Rapids 2/16/2019

Convention – Grand Rapids 6/6-9, 2019

The benediction by given by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The flag was retired by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kathy at 1:47pm.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Middleton
Dept. Secretary
7/24/2018

Approved with corrections by President Wendy Lynema 7/25/2018

Approved by President Kathy Schultz 7/25/2018

Approved with corrections by Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer 7/30/2018