

2019 Spring Council of N.E.C. Minutes

The Council of N.E.C. Women was called to order on Friday, 3/15/19 at 2:30 p.m. at the BWI Marriott Hotel by Council President, Leslie Wunderlee.

Opening prayer was said along with the Pledge to the Flag.

Marvel Ruppel, IPNP, the Raffle Queen was present to pass out Convention Raffle tickets for NEC Women to take back to their Departments to sell. \$5.00 per book of 6 tickets. Need not be present to win.

National President, Barb Valley came on the floor to bring greetings. She stressed the fact when NEC Women submit names for National Convention committees to be sure it is someone who is coming to National Convention. She stated National Service Officers buy stuff for great programs and then when the time comes, committee members do not show up.

Dee Baggett, National 1st Vice President announced she is collecting \$\$\$ for National President's gift. She passed an envelope around and had us sign it and will have a card at beginning of National convention for us to sign.

President Leslie stated if an issue has to be voted on during this meeting, only NEC Women may vote.

A question about if mileage and hours may be taken for organ transplant. Discussion was held and it was stated this came up at Officer's meeting last night and it was referred to 3rd. Vice President's Community Service committee. It also was stated to address it as Organ/Tissue donation.

Social Media – Discussion on using logo on websites – Department and National. National needs to be copied so they can monitor it.

Much discussion on the reservations for this NEC meeting. Many had made reservations, but upon arrival, were forced to go to another hotel.

President Leslie asked the NEC Women to help and encourage Local Auxiliaries to apply for National awards. Many do not know how. It was suggested that after National Convention, a copy of a winning a Service report be put on National Website as a sample.

Pat Michalski, NEC Michigan, brought up questions/concerns about Honorary Members from her Department. This was referred to Membership committee at National Convention.

Announcements running for National Office at National Convention.

Dee Baggett – President

Joan Sirek – 1st Vice President

Karin Simmons – 2nd Vice President

Amy Stoyrpa – 3rd Vice President

Barbara Guth – Treasurer

Cindy Roberts & Kristi Frye – Hospital Officer

Closing Prayer and Retirement of Colors.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The Spring NEC meeting was held on Saturday, 3/16/19.

Opening prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

Preamble was led by 1st. Vice President Dee Baggett, and said by all.

Aims & Purpose was read by 2nd. Vice President, Joan Sirek.

Code of Ethics was read by 3rd. Vice President, Karin Simmons.

Americanism read by Americanism Officer, Denise Rodzen

National Sons of AMVETS Commander, Ken Barber came on the floor and addressed “Storm the Hill”. They covered every room in the Senate. There were over 100, but would like to see 200 or more.

Past National Presidents in attendance were introduced.

Roll Call by National Executive Director, Carol King.

National Honors & Awards Chairman announced this year the program will be a Pajama Party. Each NEC Woman was asked to bring a purple ornament. There will be a white tree. Theme – The night before Barbara Valley.

Jr. AMVET Coordinator came on the floor with the Jr. AMVETS. She stated they are in the process of creating a new Manual. The age used to be 11-17, now it is 5-17.

National Convention and Post Convention minutes – Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to accept minutes as printed. Carried.

Lynda Taylor, Parliamentarian reported there were no convention referrals at this time.

National Officers started to give their reports.

National Commander, Regis Riley came on the floor. He thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their support and spoke of the great AMVET Family. Spoke on his project – Re-building the ramp at the U. S. Arizona.

National Rider President thanked the Auxiliary for their support. He spoke of a huge project – Rolling Thunder.

National Officer’s Reports were continued.

The White Clover Princess from Wisconsin came on the floor and addressed us.

National President, Barbara Valley, is not having a Testimonial dinner this year. Asked us to please donate to her President’s project.

Officer’s Reports continued.

National 3rd Vice President, Karin Simmons, announced there is a new Award this year. It is for the Department’s largest donation to PAWS With A Cause, coming through the National Auxiliary .

Treasurer, Barbara Guth, spoke on advertising space in National Convention book. Anyone can advertise. Also an envelope for Patron's Page in convention book was passed around. Barbara reported on Finance Committee meeting – They will move forward with computer system, piggy-back on AMVETS.

Americanism Officer, Denise Rodzen, spoke on Freedoms Foundation raffle tickets. \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

Sgt. At Arms, Cindy Rice, spoke on Uniforms. She stated they are available at Ameri Mark – winter catalog, or Chadwick of Boston and Penny's. JoAnn Fabrics have the color green in fabric.

National VAVS Rep – Marie Rorrio, stated Honorary members may hold appointment on Local level, but NOT as Department VAVS Rep. or Deputy.

Parliamentarian, Lynda Taylor, stated Constitution and By-Laws this year to be reviewed. Recommendations must be received 30 days prior to National Convention. She also reminded Department that the increase in dues last year should be put in Local & Department By-Laws.

National Convention Chairman, Charlene Kee, stated 73rd National Convention would be in Louisville, Ky. at the Galt House. Information will be in Convention Digest. Spoke on Ads – publicize office, event or remembering loved ones, etc.

National Executive Director, Carol King, stated the Convention Digest will be out the first week in April. The Silver Helmet Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday night of Convention instead of Kentucky night. \$20/person – August 21. The Horse Racing event which was held last night raised \$1700.00 with the Sons of AMVETS help.

NEC Council President, Leslie Wunderlee reported referral to appropriate committees. Membership – Honorary members and 3rd Vice President – Comm. Service - Organ/Tissue.

Training, Heidi Dineen-Serpi, passed out information and forms for NEC Women. She stated to please make sure you pass on this information to incoming NEC Women. NEC Women have 45 days to send report from NEC meeting to National Parliamentarian for review. If a week prior to reports being due, and an Officer has not received a service report, the National Officer should call that Department and check on it.

NEC Women at this time gave their reports.

In addition to those running for National Office at the Council of NEC Women, the following was added. Deb Gass – National Sgt. At Arms.

Benediction was given and Retirement of Colors.

NEC meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.