

POST CONVENTION S.E.C. MEETING
Sunday, June 9, 2019
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Grand Rapids Michigan

The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 2019 Department Convention was called to order President Kathryn Schultz following the installation of new Officers

Chaplain Linda Marshall delivered the invocation.

Sgt-at-Arms Cel Rose Solak led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer will get the by-laws and instructions ready for the website as soon as possible.

\$40 was donated to Ways & Means from funds collected for the luncheon items at the back table.

There was a discussion about the podium and the sound system. The Convention Chairman cannot take it. It was suggested the Secretary keep it. The Secretary stated she WILL NOT take it. It is not office equipment; it is too heavy for her to carry and she will not transport it. The delegates a few years back voted to purchase it, but no one want to use it. Several people who were handed the microphone put it down and refused to use it. The Secretary suggested If it isn't going to be used, we should sell it. For the time being the problem was solved by Faye Richardson-Green who volunteered to take it as she will be the Fall Conference Chairman.

President Kathryn thanked everyone and then turned the gavel over to the incoming President.

A roll call of incoming Officers was done by Secretary Nancy Middleton. All were present.

President Bert stated her theme for the year is going to be "Focus on the Future". She announced her appointments:

2nd Vice President – Cel Rose Solak

3rd Vice President – Wendy Lynema

Americanism Officer – Pat Michalski

Parliamentarian – Maureen Jackson

Ways & Means - Harriet Altherr

PRO/Historian - Kathy Jo Johnson

Fall Conference Chairman - Faye Richardson-Green

Personnel Chairman - Kathy Biela

Convention Chairman – Carol Pickett

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve the President's appointments. CARRIED**

The appointed Officers were installed by PDP Doreen Pierce.

Committee appointments were as follows:

Grievance Committee: Chairman Kathy Keizer, Yvette Rusak, Allison Aldrich

Appeals Board: Chairman Wendy Lynema, Peggy Liss, Kathryn Schultz

Americanism Committee: Faye Richardson-Green, Allison Aldrich, Pam Lein, Nancy Woodwyk

By-Law Committee: Chairman Maureen Jackson, Yvette Rusak, Judy Smith, Becky Kovach, Wendy Lynema, Clarice Poisson, Harriet Biela, Pat Michalski, Maribeth Wescott, Cel Rose Solak, Allison Aldrich, Nancy Middleton, Seletha Robertson, Linda Marshall, Doreen Pierce.

Convention Chairman's choice for Credentials Chairman – Pat Witcher and Attendance Prize Chairman – Doreen Pierce

****Motion** Clarice Poisson/2nd Becky Kovach to approve the President's committee appointments. CARRI#ED

Officer's

1st Vice President Kathy Keizer is using the theme "Membership is the key to our success". She has requested the following for her Membership contests:

#1 a monthly drawing for 3 months for annual renewals. 1st Drawing on Oct. 1st for \$75; 2nd drawing on Nov. 1st for \$50; 3rd drawing on Dec. 1st for \$25. Members will be numbered, and Kathy will pick out a number each month. If the Department has received the member's dues, they will win the prize for the month.

#2 the first local to have their life member hospital donations to the Department Secretary will receive \$35. The second local will receive \$25 and the third will receive \$15.

#3 All NEW (not rejoin) members received by the Department Secretary by May 15 will go into a drawing to win a Fall Conference package: one night's lodging, round trip mileage and \$20 per diem. Drawing will be done at the 2020 Convention.

Chairman's Award of a 'fabulous' prize will go to the local Membership Chairman who submits the neatest and fully completed D&R forms received by the Department. If there is more than one, names will go into a drawing.

2nd Vice President Cel Rose Solak would like to have a "Gift Card Shower" for Penrickton. Rose is asking each local and District to have a 'shower' and donate gift cards which will be presented at the next Department Convention. There is a wish list on the Penrickton website of places where gift cards are most used (Meijer/Kroger/McDonalds/Burger King/Home Depot/Movies/Staples/etc.). Each local or District donating gift cards will be entered into a drawing which will be held at the Dept. Convention.

3rd Vice President Wendy Lynema will submit a program for approval later.

Americanism Officer Pat Michalski stated we had 69 people here for this year's Americanism program.

Hospital Officer Harriet Biela will submit a program for approval at Fall Conference.

Scholarship Officer Linda Marshall will submit a program for approval at Fall Conference.

Ways & Means Chairman Harriet Altherr will continue having mystery prize raffles, gas cards raffles, sale of pop/water/chips. She went to Home Depot to see if she could get something for the Convention Raffle. They told her to come back in September and they would see what they could help us with so she won't know what the drawing will be for until then. Harriet also stated she could use more helpers.

Another idea Harriet is thinking about is craft baskets to raffle. She also will be using roll tickets instead of printed tickets.

Judy Smith suggested not limiting the number of gas card tickets. PDP Doreen Pierce asked about doing t-shirts, the yearbook and/or Chinese Auctions again. They always made pretty good money. Kathy Biela suggested a lottery board.

****Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Clarice Poisson to let Harriet do whatever she wants to raise money. CARRIED by majority vote (there were approximately 5 “No” votes.)**

Fall Conference Chairman Faye Richardson-Green has some ideas on incentive programs to increase participation at Fall Conference. She suggested offering every local with 3 or more members (not including Dept. Officers) who attend Fall Conference \$25. They must actually attend and go to the instruction classes to qualify.

****Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Maureen Jackson to approve incentive of \$25 for each Auxiliary sending 3 members who attend the classes. CARRIED**
This will be put in a bulletin for the website and an article for the newsletter.

President Bert Lema reminded all Officers to read their instructions. They are posted on the website. She also discussed the newsletters and bulletins. She compared the articles required on the Parliamentarian’s chart with the actual articles sent to the newsletter and website. There were many, many blank spots. She has expectations for Officers to do the required articles/bulletins.

President Bert requested District President schedule her Official Visits as soon as possible. She also discussed information for District Presidents regarding instructions and the new forms for reporting Official visits.

The President’s e-mail is lema81@wowway.com and her phone number is 536-214-1019

Carol Pickett asked why we put items (i.e. by-laws and standing rules) on the website asap if changes could occur at National Convention. (Secretary’s Note: I did not get the response)

Fall Conference is September 27 to 29, 2019

The benediction was given by Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski.

The colors were retired by Sgt-at-Arms Becky Kovach.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Middleton, Secretary
July 7, 2019

Corrected/approved by IPDP Kathryn Schultz – 7/7/19

Corrected/approved by 18-19 Parl. Kathy Keizer –
7/7/19

Corrected/approved by Parliam. Maureen Jackson –
7/7/19

Approved by President Bert Lema 7/8/19