

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
TELECONFERENCE CALL  
6/30/2020**

The teleconference call was called to order at 7pm by President Bert Lema. President Bert is ill with pneumonia. She has been tested for Covid-19 and the results were negative. She thanked Kathy Biela, Faye Richardson Green and Maureen Jackson for their help during her illness.

The main purpose of this meeting is to approve a budget for 2020/2021.

Roll call was taken and the following Officers were in attendance:

President Lema, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Kathy Keizer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Wendy Lynema, Treasurer Gloria Hall, Secretary Nancy Middleton, Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski, Sgt-at-Arms Becky Kovach, Americanism/SOS/NEC Woman Pat Michalski, Hospital Officer/John Dingell VAVS Harriet Biela, Parliamentarian Maureen Jackson, Personnel Chair Kathy Biela, Honors & Awards/Liaison Kathryn Schultz, PRO Kathy Jo Johnson, Convention Chairman Carol Pickett, Fall Conference Chair/Dist. V President/Battle Creek VAVS Faye Richardson-Green, Higgins Lake Rep/Dist. II President Peggy Liss, Dist. VII President Barb Robare.

Officers not in attendance were 'absent'. The Secretary asked for clarification. If many of the Officers were not required to be at board meetings, how can we record them as absent? It was clarified they would not be recorded as 'absent'. NOTE: Secretary is not sure how they will be recorded so the roll call list is only those in attendance.

President Bert turned the meeting over to Treasurer Gloria Hall to present the proposed budget which was submitted by the Dept. Finance Committee.

Section #1 – National Convention – last year's budget \$1,930 - this year's proposed zero (National Convention has been cancelled for this year)

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Middleton to approve the National Convention budget. CARRIED**

Section #2 – Fall Conference/SEC 2020 – last year's budget \$1910 – this year's proposed budget \$1,670.00

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Jackson to approve the Fall Conference budget. CARRIED**

Section #3 – Spring SEC – last year's proposed budget \$700 – this year's proposed budget \$900 (increase over last year because we don't yet know where the event will be held)

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Jackson to approve the Spring SEC budget. CARRIED**

Section #4 – NEC Meeting – last year's budget \$500 – this year's proposed budget \$500

**\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Becky Kovach to approve the NEC budget. CARRIED**

Section #5 – Officer's (postage/supplies) – last year's budget \$1,225 – this year's proposed budget \$945.

\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Lynema to approve the Officer's postage/supplies. CARRIED

The Secretary said the Parliamentarian had told her the expenses have increased because of the extra cost of doing the revalidations but it wasn't mentioned when voting on the postage/supplies budget.

\*\*Motion Nancy Middleton/2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Robare to reconsider the previous motion and increase the Parliamentarian's budget by \$25 (to \$75). CARRIED

The new budget approved for Section #5 will be \$970

Section #6 – Department Expenses last year's budget \$14,350 – this year's proposed budget \$13,290. This is where a big discussion was held.

\*\*Motion Wendy Lynema/2<sup>nd</sup> Barb Robare to separate line item "President's Travel from the remainder of the section. CARRIED

The next discussion was concerning the term 'travel'. Many felt this was money to be used by the President however she seemed fit. It was not just travelling costs.

\*\*Motion Maureen Jackson/2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Biela to raise the President's 'expense from \$1,250 to \$1,500.

Carried by majority vote 11 in favor – 5 opposed.

The Secretary pointed out the President will now need to supply receipts for the \$1,500. President Bert stated she was told she didn't need to do this but would comply. According to the by-laws, all expenses require receipts.

\*\*Motion Kathy Biela/2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Jackson to reconsider the previous motion and call this budgeted item the President's allotment (instead of travel or expense). CARRIED

Remainder of Section #6

\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Jackson to approve as printed. CARRIED

The total proposed budget for Section #5 is now \$13,540. (was \$14,350)

Section #7 – Dept. Convention Expenses – June 2021 last year's budget \$2,965 – this year's proposed budget is \$2,965.

\*\*Motion Gloria Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Lynema to approve the Dept. Convention Expenses – June 2021. CARRIED

Last year's proposed budget was \$23,580. This year's proposed budget is \$20,545

Kathy Biela questioned how much was in the Texas Hold'em account. Gloria answered \$3,391.50.

Faye Richardson-Green suggested the President let the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice run these meetings if she (the President) is still sick. It is hard to hear and/or understand the President when she speaks because of the illness.

Faye Richardson-Green also suggested the President could get someone to fill-in for the Parliamentarian when she gets too involved in the discussions.

Nancy stated she had all the required articles for the newsletter. The deadline is tomorrow if anyone else would like to contribute something. Nancy is also working on the calendars and they will be mailed out as they are finished. She expects them all to be out within a week to 10 days.

Next week's call is to be on the discussion which will take place at the AMVETS Family Conference Call. Carol Pickett needs to be excused because she works Wednesday nights.

Kathy Keizer has an appointment next week but will change it if the President needs her to run the meeting. Otherwise, she needs to be excused. If she is running the meeting, she needs to be in on the AMVET Conference Call.

President Bert said she will think about next week's meeting and maybe she will just send out an e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Approved by President Bert 7/11/2020
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Respectfully submitted

Nancy Middleton, Secretary  
July 9, 2020

NOTE: After sending this to the President for approval/corrections, she stated she thought during the meeting she had cancelled the proposed Teleconference call for the following week. What she actually said was she would think about it. In her defense, she was really sick and having a hard time speaking. I cannot change minutes from what actually happened but I can offer her explanation of thinking she had cancelled the meeting. As she said, maybe she didn't say exactly what she meant to say.

PS She is feeling a little better – but not much better!