

**AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

POST CONVENTION MINUTES

The Post Convention SEC meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Outgoing President Bert Lema.

The Pledge was led by Sgt-at-Arms Becky Kovach.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski.

1st Vice Kathy Keizer said the membership files and check list are on a flash drive for the new 1st Vice, They may need major changes.

Ways and Means Chairman Bonnie Rojas reported we made about \$2,500 at this convention plus the convention raffle. The total may be about \$7,000.

NEC Woman Faye Richardson-Green reported this year's National Convention is in Greensboro North Carolina. The entire convention runs from 8/14 - 21/2021. The Auxiliary portion will run from 8/18 - 21/2021

Candidates for National Officers are:

Amy Stopyra, PA - 2nd Vice
Deb Gass, IN - Sgt-at-Arms
Karin Simmons, AK - 1st Vice President
Mary Lanphere, NY - Americanism
Barbara Guth, KY - Treasurer
Cindy Rice, OH - 3rd Vice President
Peggy Liss, MI - 3rd Vice President
Joan Sirek, WI - National President

The gavel was turned over to incoming President Cel Rose Solak.
2021/2022 Officers.

Roll Call of 2021/2022 Officers:

President Cel Rose Solak - present
1st Vice Gloria Hall - present
2nd Vice Linda Marshall - present
3rd Vice Rosemary Perdue - present
Sgt-at-Arms Becky Kovach - present
Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski - present
Americanism Pam Lein - present
Hospital Kay Kemp - present
Scholarship Karen Harmon - present
Dist. I President Seletha Robertson - excused
Dist. II President Pat Michalski - present
Dist. V President (until July) Faye Richardson-Green - present
Dist. VII President Barb Robare - excused

President's appointments:

Parliamentarian - Pat Michalski
Fall Conference Chairman - to be appointed
Ways & Means Chairman - Bonnie Rojeski
Personnel Chairman - Allison Aldrich (automatic because of By-Law Change)
PRO/Historian - to be appointed
***Higgins Lake Rep (every 2 years) - Roberta Robinson
Convention Chairman - Carol Pickett
**Motion Linda Marshall/2nd Becky Kovach to approve the President's appointments. CARRIED

Appointments were installed by PDP Pat Michalski.

***after the installation of the appointments, it was discovered Peggy Liss still had one year remaining as the Higgins Lake Rep and no appointment was required.

Approval of committee appointments:

Grievance Committee Chairman - Maureen Jackson (no members listed)

Appeals Board Chairman - to be appointed

Americanism Committee - Pam Lein, Chairman, recommended Pat Michalski,
Faye Richardson-Green, Maribeth Wescott and Diana Lammott.

By Law Committee: Parliamentarian Pat Michalski is Chairman:

Peggy Liss - Becky Kovach - Judy Smith - Carol Pickett - Clarice Poisson -

Rosemary Perdue - Maribeth Wescott - Allison Aldrich - Seletha

Robertson - Linda Marshall - Doreen Pierce - Bert Lema - Wendy Lynema

Faye Richardson-Green.

Credentials Chairman - to be appointed

Attendance Prize Chairman - to be appointed.

Officers Contest approval:

Gloria Hall, 1st Vice; Her theme will be "Just Be a Member: Renew, Rejoin, become a Lifer!" She has 3 contests: (plus the mandatory contests)

#1 from 8/1/21 thru 12/31/21 there will be 2 \$100 drawings from all those whose membership is received by 12/31/2021.

#2 There will be three \$50 drawings from the renewals whose local Auxiliary was 100% renewed by November 1, 2021

#3 there will be five \$10 drawings from all rejoins.

**Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve the 1st Vice's contests.

CARRIED

Linda Marshall, 2nd Vice President would like her Chairman's award to be a drawing for a cash prize from all the locals and/or Districts who donate thru the Dept. to Penrickton.

**Motion Linda Marshall/2nd Bert Lema to approve the 2nd Vice President's Chairman award. CARRIED

Rosemary Perdue, 3rd Vice President would like her Chairman's award to be given to the local Auxiliary with the largest donation thru the Dept. to PAWS.

****Motion Rosemary Perdue/2nd Becky Kovach to accept the 3rd Vice President's Chairman Award. CARRIED**

Americanism Officer Pam Lein will adapt the National Americanism Contest if there are changes at National. She will also come up with an SOS program and announce it at Fall SEC.

Hospital Officer Kay Kemp will think about a Chairman's award and present it at Fall Conference.

Scholarship Officer Karen Harmon will present a Chairman's award at Fall Conference.

Ways & Means Bonnie Rojaski would like to do a 'Stick Bingo' at Fall Conference with basket prizes; 50/50's; raffles; calendars; holiday raffles; Texas Hold'ems.

****Motion Bonnie Rojaski/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve the fundraisers for Ways & Means. CARRIED**

President Rose Solak announced her theme for the year:

Touching Lives, Lifting Spirits

The President reminded every Officer to read their instructions which are on the website. They also need to prepare a newsletter for August and a website bulletin. Under discussion of the newsletter, the Secretary pointed out many of the Auxiliaries meet on the 1st or 2nd week of the month. Some complain because the newsletter is mailed by the 10th of the month and many Auxiliaries have already had their meetings.

****Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Kathy Keizer to move the date for articles which are submitted to the newsletter by the 15th of the month.**

Under discussion, no one needs to submit for the July issue. This is done by the Secretary and is a synopsis of the Dept. Convention. By submitting by the 15th of July for the August newsletter, locals will have the information by the end of July.

****Motion CARRIED**

The President reminded the District Presidents to schedule a date for her official visit.

The question of who is Treasurer as Gloria is now the 1st Vice. President Rose asked for the appointment of Deb Davis. It was pointed out Deb is an MAL and cannot hold an office. Bert Lema said Deb has transferred from MAL to Aux. #57 but the transfer hasn't been sent into the Department yet.

****Motion Bert Lema/2nd Becky Kovach to approve the appointment of Deb Davis to the Office of Dept. Treasurer contingent on her transfer to #57. CARRIED**

Fall Conference will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn on Oct. 1 thru Oct. 3. The President would like service projects discussed.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Caroline Wisniewski.

The retirement of Colors was done by Sgt-at-Arms Becky Kovach.

The meeting was adjourned (time not confirmed)

Respectfully submitted by

Nancy Middleton, Executive Secretary
September 2, 2021

Approved by President Rose – 9/9/2021

Approved by Parliamentarian with corrections –
9/8/2021