

**NATIONAL CONVENTION 2022
NEW ORLEANS LA**

**COUNCIL OF NEC WOMEN
August 16, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the NEC Chairman Barbara Montagne from Alaska. There was an invocation (but I don't know by who) and a salute to the colors (but I don't know by who). To make sure we heard everything, four of us from Michigan (myself, Pat Michalski, Pres. Kathy Keizer and Pam Lein) sat in the front row. This did not help.

There was no agenda. There was a roll call but there were no microphones so it was difficult (impossible) to hear 2/3's of what was said. There were no printed minutes from the previous NEC meeting so the Chairman read her copy of the handwritten minutes. We could not hear anything she said. Most of the NEC Women who spoke did not identify themselves.

IPNP Dee Baggett (Raffle Queen) needs raffle tickets turned in which were sold at the Department levels.

During the Constitution and By-laws meeting, it was noted a \$5 value was given for Crown Royal bags. There is no value for time or mileage. The bags are sent to Crown Royal H.Q. where they are filled with toiletries and personal care items and sent to our troops.

It was also stated there will be a 2nd event at Freedoms Foundation for the winners who could not attend last year because of Covid19. The Departments they are from will be required to pay they travel expenses.

While we waited for guests to come in, someone told about a program call War Horses for Veterans which pairs retired military horse with veterans. Look it up on their website.

Nominations were open for the next NEC Chairman. The Chairman must be a in her first year of a two-year term.

Linda Bonin from North Carolina was nominated by ??? and 2nd by PNP Linda McGriff.

At this point National President Joan Sirek and Executive Director Carol King entered the room. Pres. Joan made a few comments and wished us a good meeting.

Carol King passed out copies of each Department's President-NEC – Secretary. She stated if there were any problems, let Head Quarters know asap. She also asked about putting phone numbers on the website. Most of the NEC's agreed they did not want it. Addresses and emails were ok.

Carol also complimented Sonja Miller-Bethea on the great job she does in Head Quarters. Carol and Sonja try hard to do a good job but sometimes it is hard! She asked everyone to check the names, addresses, etc. on the sheet she distributed and let them know if there are any corrections.

The meeting was adjourned

We did not have a vote on the NEC Chairman

Reported by:

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