

COUNCIL OF NEC MEETING
March 8, 2024

The Council of NEC was called to order on Friday, March 8th at 2:30pm by Chairman Linda Bonin from North Carolina. Joining me from the Department of Michigan was 1st Vice Kathy Keizer and District V President Gloria Hall.

Following the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, there was a discussion on when the new Chairman of the NEC Council takes over. She must be a first term NEC but no one was sure if she was to take over at this meeting or at the Convention Council meeting. Verification will be asked for on the NEC Floor tomorrow.

There were no copies of the minutes from the previous meeting. Chairman Linda read them but it was difficult to hear with no microphone and a lot of chatter in the room.

Some of the NEC Women announced candidates for Offices at the upcoming Convention in August. Again, it was impossible to hear and most of those making the announcement did not state their name and/or State. I announced Allison Aldrich as seeking a 2nd term as Scholarship Officer. I check with Kathy and Gloria and they didn't know who made the announcements and/or for what Office. The only one (besides Allison) I recognized was Kathy Hayes for Sgt-at-Arms.

There seems to still be some confusion about Honorary members and when life members can be purchased. If they don't renew their membership and just sign up after the deadline for a life membership are they a new life member or renewed to life member. Not sure of the correct answer.

While we waited for National Officers to come to the meeting, a discussion was held on what some of the favorite programs are in each State and some of the fund raisers which are held. Again, most did not identify themselves, did not stand and could not be heard from our front row position.

Nat'l President Amy Stopyra addressed the Council. She talked about her project – Foster Care and requested donations. This is a Community Service program.

Immediate Past President Karin Simons (Raffle Queen) addressed the Council. She has tickets for the National 50/50 raffle which will be held at the convention. She had some at the Council meeting but would have more on the NEC floor in the morning. She asked the NEC Women to pick them up for their State. (I did).

Executive Director Carol King addressed us and thanked everyone for their reports. Her key word for this year is COMMUNICATE!!!!

We continued on with our favorite programs and the different fundraisers. They were raffles, dinners, bingos, card parties, etc. The only one I actually thought was different (or unusual) was the Chicken Poop Raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Nancy Middleton
NEC Woman/Michigan