

SPRING S.E.C. MEETING
FEBRUARY 2/7/2026
Perry Post - 4064

The meeting was called to order at 11:25am by President Pam Pearce.

The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Doni Simons.

The flag was posted by Sgt-at-Arms Christine Simons

The roll call was conducted by Secretary Nancy Middleton.

All Officers were present with the exception of Bert Lema (excused) Olivia Brown (excused) and Roberta Robinson who was present via Zoom and Dian Hingsley who was on a cell phone connection. Also present were 3 PDP's who are voting members (Carol Picket, Doreen Pierce, Nancy Middleton).

REPORTS:

President Pam Pearce

#1 The President announced the members of the By-Law committee: Kathy Keizer as Chairman, Faye Richardson-Green, Patsy Watkins, Pat Michalski, Bert Lema and Linda Marshall. They will be meeting prior to the start of Convention.

**Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to accept the By-Law Committee appointments. CARRIED

#2 President Pam said this has been an interesting year with lots of travel. There have been a few problems which came up and they were worked on with the help of the Parliamentarian. Another problem the President is working on is the lack of response to her emails.

#3 President Pam represented Michigan at National. She did not use all the funds allotted to her and has returned the unused funds to the Department.

#4 She will be attending Auxiliary #57's 80th Anniversary.

1st Vice President Gloria Hall turned in her activity report. She and the Secretary worked on comparing figures for the Auxiliaries and it went well. She had some membership contests and the following were winners:

100% renewed \$50 – Auxiliary #93 and 3 Early Bird Contest winners (drawing)

#1 – Nancy Gwizdala - #22

#2 – Andrea Ehrmantra - #22

#3 Kathy King - #22

Gloria continued with her **Honors/Awards & Liaison Reports**

#1 She questioned if a form was signed if an awards plaque is to be returned. It is not clear in her instructions.

#2 Also questions the Honors and Awards file exchange updated 2010???

#3 The award for Auxiliary of the Year Outstanding Member should be titled Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year.

#4 The Dept. Commander had postage stamps for sale at a cost of \$20 for 1 roll (100 1oz. stamps). The Secretary bought 10 rolls

Fall Conference Minutes - Secretary Nancy Middleton

There was some mix-up with the Fall Conference 2025 minutes. They were done shortly after the meeting (10/21/2025). Secretary Nancy sent them for the approval of the President and Parliamentarian. The President and Parliamentarian did not receive them. Nancy did not realize they were not received and totally forgot about it. The President and Parliamentarian did not think to question why the minutes were not done because they also were very busy. Getting ready for the Spring SEC, Nancy had a question from the Fall SEC and looked at the minutes. At that time she noticed they were not approved. Also they were not on the website. She called the Parliamentarian and President and discovered they had not received them and they didn't question why.

***Motion Linda Marshall/2nd Trisha Rosenberg to accept as printed.*

*** Nancy Middleton (as PDP)/2nd Pat Michalski since the minutes were never printed, they could not be approved. It was moved to table the vote until they could be put on the website and read. CARRIED*

2nd Vice President Wendy Lynema announced the National 2nd Vice President would not be attending the Penrickton Tour. Right now there are 10 people attending on 3/26 at 11:30. Many of the Officers from the Grand Rapids area would not be attending because there is a Dept. Texas Hold'em scheduled from 3/26 to 3/29.

3rd Vice President Allison Aldrich: turned in her activity report.

#1 She reported we had a great Paws tour with 27 people attending. Many of them

were 1st timers on the tour.

#2 March is Paws With a Cause month.

#3 Several of the midyear reports had late postmarks. This could be due to several of the USPS Offices send the mail to another Center to postmark and deliver. This would cause mail taken in on the 4th to actually be postmarked on the 6th to 8th of the month. We need to get the mail out earlier so they are postmarked by the 5th.

#4 Allison introduced Derelda Brown, President of Auxiliary #4064. Treasurer Delta Morris Aux. #4064 and Secretary Jen McDaniels Aux. #4064.

Treasurer Kathy Keizer turned in her activity report. She reported a net worth for the Dept. Auxiliary of \$138,423.19. The breakdown is as follows:

CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	Current Account Balances as of 2/6/2026
General Checking Account	\$ 29,604.03
Hospital Checking Account	\$ 5,081.12
Texas Hold'em Checking Account	\$ 7,016.88
Savings 1 Account (Reserve Funds)	\$ 23,166.26
Savings 2 Account (Donations)	\$ 5,423.50
	\$ 70,291.79
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS	
LMCU 40 Maturity: 10/26/26 (purchased 9/26/25)	\$ 25,374.60
LMCU 41 Maturity: 5/17/26	\$ 22,211.04
LMCU 42 Maturity: 4/9/27	\$ 20,545.76
	\$ 68,131.40

Kathy also provided envelopes for everyone getting mileage to fill out so she can mail their check.

Chaplain Doni Simon turned in her activity report. She is having a problem getting emails. There is limited access in her city. Doni talked about a spam email she thought came from the President. She called the Secretary who informed her these spams are quite common. Anyone who get one, before you open it, check the email it is coming from. If it is not the correct email which is normally received – delete, delete.

Sgt-at-Arms Christine Simons turn in her activity report. She had nothing else to report at this time.

NEC Pat Michalski commented on National Convention. Look at the National website for more information if you are interested in going. Pam had a sign-up form from

National for anyone interested in servicing on a committee during the National Convention in August.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer reported on 3 Poll Votes:

#1 Accepting Norm Zelony as the Auxiliary website Administrator with a gratuity of \$100 to \$200. 15 emails were sent. 9 replies were received – 7 yes – 1 no and one replied by text late and couldn't be counted.

#2 Approving the Department Convention Raffle suggested by Patsy Watkins, Ways & Means Chair. 5 Sports Baskets (Lions, Tigers, Red Wings, Michigan & Michigan State). 17 emails sent - 8 responses – all yes.

#3 Approval of the Texas Hold'em Chairmen for 2027. Kathy Keizer, Faye Richardson-Green, Nancy Middleton. 17 emails sent – 9 yes – 1 text (not counted)

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Pat Michalski to ratify the results of the 3 poll votes. CARRIED.**

#4 Kathy will be contacting Dept. Officers about Dept instruction for next year.

BREAK FOR LUNCH (Pizza, Salad, Pop)

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer (continued) report on Standing Rules changes.

UNDER FINANCIAL

#1 Finance #9

#9 - Because Texas Hold'em fundraisers are often set one (1) to two (2) years in advance, the Department Treasurer shall be in charge of approving the event dates. (6/18)

Changed to read: Because Texas Hold'em fundraisers are often set one (1) to two (2) years in advance, Department Texas Hold'em Chairmen shall be in charge of selecting the event dates. (2/26)

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Trisha Rosenberg CARRIED**

#2 Finance #19

A department debit card will be issued to the Executive Secretary for approved expenses. The Executive Secretary will provide the Department Treasurer a debit card preloaded with funds not to exceed the approved Treasurer's budgeted amount. (6/23)

Changed to read: A Department debit card will be issued to the Executive

Secretary for approved expenses. (2/26)

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Faye Richardson-Green CARRIED**

UNDER MISCELLANEOUS

#3 Miscellaneous #1

#1 - Any requested poll vote or survey, should have all "YEA" or "NAY" votes sent directly to the Department Parliamentarian by the specified deadline date.

Immediately after the deadline, the overall results will be tabulated and communicated in writing to the requestor and copied to the Executive Secretary.

At the next SEC meeting, the Parliamentarian will report poll vote results for ratification and to be recorded in the minutes. (6/23)

Changed to read: Any requested poll vote or survey, should have all "YEA or YES" or "NAY or NO" votes sent via email only (texts not accepted)

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Immediately after the deadline, the overall results will be tabulated and communicated in writing to the requestor and copied to the Executive Secretary. At the next SEC meeting, the Department Parliamentarian will report poll vote results for ratification and to be recorded in the minutes.

(2/26)

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Pat Michalski CARRIED**

Ways & Means Chairman Patsy Watkins turned in her activity report. She ordered the license for the Sports Baskets Convention Raffle and will be mailing out the tickets.

Patsy is also looking for items for the Chinese Auctions. If you have items, please contact her for the information.

PRO/Historian Olivia Brown excused. She did want to announce our President Pam will be having her Testimonial on April 26th. Flyers were available for Officers to take back to their local Posts.

Personnel ????? There was some confusion about this one. Pat Michalski thought she was Personnel Chair. We went over the Past Presidents and I think this is what they decided: Wendy Lynema is Chairman followed by Kathy Schultz, Bert Lema, Cel Rose Solak, Kathy Keizer, Pat Michalski and Gloria Hall. Anyway – there was no report

A copy of the equipment list needs to be sent to the President. There doesn't seem to be a copy in her files.

Webmaster Jennifer Zelony turned in her activity report. She reported she has moved some columns around on the website and she also does the Facebook. At this time, there is no webmaster backup and Faye Richardson-Green suggested we should have one – (just in case)

It was suggested we have a page for the Higgins Lake Lodge.

****Motion Jennifer Zelony/2nd Gloria Hall** to set up a Higgins Lake Lodge page. Vote was 9 yes / No 6 – CARRIED by majority.

Doni Simons questioned how we get help when we don't know how to find things.

Answer:: There is something in the works to update and add a U Tube video program.

Convention Chairman Faye Richardson-Green thanked Kathy Keizer for all her help. Faye, President Pam and Secretary Nancy visited the located on the Central University campus. It was very nice and seems to meet our needs. There has been many changes and some of the proposed schedules are:

Thursday June 18 – Aux. meeting (no other information at this time)

Friday June 19 – Gavalieres dinner

Saturday June 20 – Joint memorial at 4pm and joint ice cream social at night

Sunday June 21 – elections at 8:15 or 8:30.

A full tentative agenda will be in the convention digest which will be mailed around the middle of March.

****Motion Faye Richardson-Green/2nd Pat Michalski** to approve Rene Savin as registration/Credentials Chair: Bert Lema or Wendy Lynema as Attendance Prize Chairman. CARRIED

Faye also requested those Auxiliaries and/or delegates/Officers bring attendance prizes for morning drawings.

Battle Creek VAMC Rep Faye Richardson-Green stated Volunteers are needed for several of the Battle Creek VA outpatient Clinics.

Long Range Training – Bert Lema - Bert was excused but Pam Michalski announced for her that Training Videos for locals are being considered if the locals decide if they will be valuable.

Some of the comments from members:

Kathy Keizer – we need people to step up for Dept. Offices who plan to go 'up the chairs' or we will be back to having PDPs again – or no Department.

Derelda Brown – sometimes there isn't time available. She works 2 jobs.

Carol Pickett – stated even at Church, the attendance is dropping. The SOAs seem to be growing, but their wives/daughters are not eligible to join.

One of the members from 4064 (sorry, was writing and didn't see who was speaking) said Memberships were dropping and maybe we need to make a friendly point of saying "Hi" when people enter the Post.

Scholarship Officer Dian Hingsley was on a cell phone. *(Secretary note: I did not hear any report*

Higgins Lake Lodge Rep – Robert Robertson *(Secretary's note – Roberta was on a zoom connection for the meeting. The laptop was on the other side of the room and could not be heard for reporting purposes. If anyone could hear what Roberta was reporting, please give me something to put in this section)*

District II President Linda Marshall reported the District has not had a meeting since November. Their next meeting is March 3rd at 12 noon.

District V President Patsy Watkins announce President Pam will make her official visit to District V on May 17th. We will also have our Americanism and Scholarship awards at that time. Patsy announced Kathy Keizer is running for NEC and Trisha Rosenberg is running for 2nd Vice President. Faye Richardson-Green is running for National 3rd Vice President.

Announcements:

The winner of the 50/50 was ticket #797. Someone yelled "Yea!" no name was mentioned so congratulations to someone for winning \$?????

Ann Arbor VA – no Rep. We have not had a Rep for Ann Arbor for 2-3 years now. The Secretary gets statements and deposits the quarterly allotments. Right now there is \$4,230.82 in the account. Chase Bank requires \$2,000 be left in the account to avoid a monthly service fee. A discussion was held on what to do. It was also pointed out that it is difficult to send the money for the first couple allotments each year because the money comes from the \$3 per renewal, new and/or life memberships. Unfortunately many of the Auxiliaries wait until the end of December or beginning of January before sending it to the Department and money isn't available.

****Kathy Keizer/2nd Linda Marshall** to close the account at Chase Bank and put the \$4,230.82 in the Hospital General Fund account. CARRIED

Texas Hold'em report Kathy Keizer: We hold 4 Texas Hold'em each year and do well. We normally only have 5 people work the events.

There will not be a Higgins Lake weekend this year.

****Motion Doni Simons/2nd Trisha Rosenberg** move to pay the bills. CARRIED

Closing prayer by Chaplain, Doni Simons

Retirement of Colors by Sgt-at-Arms Christine Simons.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted April 2, 2026
Nancy Middletgon, Executive Secretary

Approved by President Pam Pearce - April 9, 2026 Approved with corrections by Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer - April 2, 2026
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