Meeting called to order 12:25 pm July 15, 2023 by President Sharon Cross.

Attending the meeting were the following: District Presidents: 1st Tonia Bettermann, 2nd Robin Olson, 3rd Kim Carlander, 4th Jenny Nelson, 5th Jill Davis, 6th Dist 1st Vice Patti Gunderson(voice of the 6th District), 7th Wanda Seidler, 8th Zandra Davenport, 9th Cheryl Grover, 10th Lorinda Kies, 1st Vice President Sharon Thiemecke, 2nd Vice President Judy Ackerman, Past President Patti Coleman, Alternate NEC Raleen Tolzmann, Parliamentarian Norma Tramm, Interim Secretary & Department Treasurer Cathy Radil and President Mary Kuperus.

Opening prayer by 1st VP Judy Ackerman, Pledge by 2nd VP Robin Dorf and Preamble led by Parliamentarian Peggy Tesdahl.

President Sharon gave her list of appointments for the 23-24 year. Motion made by Judy to accept the appointments as listed. Seconded by Anne. All appointments were approved.

President Sharon addressed the group explain her theme: “Serve & Honor Every Day”, her symbol: a state of Minnesota with a poppy placed over the seventh District, in honor of her deceased father a World War II veteran. Mary’s project will be to support the Meditation Rooms at all three of the new VA homes (these will be available to veterans and their families The rooms will be more private and non-denominational. The funds will be used for items needed for the rooms: movable altar, altar cloths, books for the libraries, candles, music, and wall decorations.

A motion was made by Tonia to approve President Mary’s project, seconded by Wanda. Motion was approved.

President Mary then explained the Honorary Department Jr President Sydney’s project, work with the Department of Affairs and their Adaptive sports program for physically limited or disabled veterans at the VA Healthcare System in Sioux Falls, SD.

Judy made a motion to approve the Honorary Department Jr President’s project, seconded by Tonia, all in favor, motion approved.

President Mary announced that her Testimonial would be held at the Spicer American Legion Post.

The August workshop is going to be different this year, with a ZOOM meeting to be held on August 3rd at 6:30 pm. Following that on Saturday August 13th will be an in-person Committee meeting beginning at 9:00 am and the Executive Committee meeting starting at 10:30am.

President Mary then addressed approving Cathy Radil as the Interim Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer. Discussion and a motion made by Jill, seconded by Robin, all were in favor and motion passed.

President Mary then asked for the forms to be turned in for today and the new folders and she will return them at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded, all approved, meeting ended 12:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Cathy Radil

Interim Department Secretary

8/26/2022 Amended as approved.

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