**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 1:00 PM**

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| Dept. President | Sharon Cross |
| 1st Vice President | Judy Ackerman |
| 2nd Vice President | Robin Dorf |
| NEC  | Jean Walker |
| Parliamentarian | Peggy Tesdahl |
| Secretary  | Christie Avant |
| Treasurer | Shannon Brown |
| Past Dept President | Mary Kuperus |
| District 1 | Michelle Weaver |
| District 2 | Kollett Kaehlert |
| District 3 | Deanna Meyer |
| District 4 | Tamara Michaels |
| District 5 | Cari Lamb |
| District 6 | Patti Gunderson |
| District 7 | Hope Wilson |
| District 8 | Sharon Voltz |
| District 9 | Becky Olson |
| District 10 | Anne Steffen |
| 25 Guests |  |

1:00 The meeting was called to order.

There was a continuous opening with:

Prayer by Judy Ackerman Dept. 1st Vice Pres, Pledge by Robin Dorf Dept. 2nd Vice Pres, Preamble by Peggy Tesdahl Parliamentarian

President Sharon Cross welcomed the DEC members, the incoming District Presidents and the guests.

Department Executive Secretary Christie Avant conducted the roll call.

Attendance is listed above.

President Sharon Thanked the office staff for all the work they did to prepare for convention.

Introductions and updates:

Each DEC member gave a short update. The 2023-2024 District Presidents introduce the 2024-2025 District Presidents.

New Business

Approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected.

 Motion by: Mary Kuperus

2nd by: Kollette Kaehlert

There was no discussion.

 Motion passed.

Treasurer Shannon Brown presented the financial report. The report will be filed for audit.

Finance Committee Report

Jody Hassing announced the National Convention Stipend of $1421.42. The finance committee met earlier in the day and discussed the stipend.

Department Executive Secretary Christie Avant updated the DEC on what the office has been working on.

Proposed changes to Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules –

Becky Nelson read the proposed change.

Proposal #1 – Article VI – National Convention – New Section 7

A motion to recommend the updated version of the proposed change to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was made.

Motion by: Sharon Voltz

2nd by: Anne Steffen

 There was no discussion.

 Motion passed.

Resolution #2 – Burial Equality Resolution

Becky read the proposed change.

The Resolution was passed on to the Resolutions Committee.

President Sharon presented the Department Convention Appointments.

A motion was made to approve this list of appointments.

Motion by: Kollette Kaehlert

2nd by: Cari Lamb

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

National Convention Appointments

At 88.02% is the 8th District. 8th District President Sharon Voltz is not attending National Convention, her replacement is Tamara Martins, she will be the President’s Page

At 85.47% is the 3rd District. 3rd District President Deanna Meyer is not attending National Convention, her replacement is Tamara Thayer she will be the Secretary’s Page at National Convention.

Assignments for Pre-Convention committee meetings will go out after convention. These meetings will be held virtually August 7-20, 2024

The Rules, Resolutions, Credentials, and the Constitution & Bylaws Pre-Convention Committee meetings will be held in person Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the New Orleans Convention Center.

Unfinished Business

Unit Concerns:

We have 3 Units that have completed Disbanding paperwork. The Units are Rothsay Unit 376, Euclid Unit 539, and Westport Unit 638.

Final Vote on Disbanding Units

Rothsay Unit 376 has completed all Disbanding Procedures, remaining members to be transferred to Unit–at-Large 1984. A motion to approve the Disbanding of Rothsay Unit 376 was made.

Motion by: Jean Walker

2nd by: Judy Ackerman

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

Euclid Unit 539 has completed all Disbanding Procedures, remaining members to be transferred to Unit–at-Large 1984. A motion to approve the Disbanding of Euclid Unit 539 was made.

Motion by: Becky Olson

2nd by: Kollette Kaehlert

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

Westport Unit 638 has completed all Disbanding Procedures, remaining members to be transferred to Unit–at-Large 1984. A motion to approve the Disbanding of Westport Unit 638 was made.

Motion by: Sharon Voltz

2nd by: Anne Steffen

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

With the 3 Units we just voted on we have had a total of 5 Units Disband during the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. There are several Units with no officers and are down to under 10 members. A few are down under five. The Office Team will be working with Hope, the District Presidents and District Membership Chairman to reach out to those Units.

New Unit possibilities/Charter concerns -

District 1:Byron and St. Charles – District President is working on this.

District 2: Vista Unit 306 – disbanding procedures have been sent to the Unit.

District 3: Lester Prairie – sent disbanding paperwork

District 4:\_Adicts Brooks – Sandy Gibson will look into this

District 5: Nothing to Report

District 6: St. Cloud – 1 pd member

District 7: Villard and Hoffman may disband

District 8: Nothing to report

District 9: Halastad Unit 402 – disbanding procedures have been sent to the Unit – district will reach out to Pelican Rapids

District 10: Champlain Unit 600 disbanding in progress.

Legal Counsel Special Committee

Kollette Kaehlert reported on the special committee.

The committee recommended to enter into a contract with Scott Lepak from Barna, Guzy and Steffen.

There was some discussion.

Motion by: Sharon Voltz

2nd by: Judy Ackerman

There was no additional discussion.

Motion passed.

Announcements

First Vice President Judy, talked about her installation and asked the 2024-2025 District Presidents and other elected officers to meet for a quick DEC meeting at the end of convention.

Announcements – Christie Avant, Department Executive Secretary made a few housekeeping announcements.

Closing prayer by Judy Ackerman, 1st Vice President.

Recognize the Colors

 Meeting was adjourned at 3pm

 Submitted by

 Christie Avant Department Secretary