



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 23, 2014

President Marge Blankenship called the Department Executive Committee meeting to order at George H. Plumley Memorial Post 20 at 902 Cook Ave. in Kenai, Alaska on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 7:05pm. American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff led the meeting in Prayer. First Vice President Penny Mazonna led the Pledge of Allegiance. Second Vice President Sharon Cherrette led the Preamble.

ROLL CALL

OFFICERS	NAME	P	A	E	TOTALS
	MARGE				
PRESIDENT	BLANKENSHIP	X			
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	PENNY MAZONNA	X			
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
SEC./TREAS	LINDA SCHMITT	X			
CHAPLAIN	BARBE WOLKOFF	X			
HISTORIAN	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X			
SGT-AT-ARMS	DORIS THOMAS		X		
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMEN	DEBBIE GILCHRIST		X		
	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			

TOTAL OFFICERS **7**

STANDING COMMITTEES

AMERICANISM	BETTY RANDALL	X
AUDIT	LINDA GUNVALSON	X

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND	KATHY MOORE					X
CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X				
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X				
COMMUNITY SERVICE	BARBE WOLKOFF	X				
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	LAVONNE COLLIER	X				
DISTINGUISHED GUEST	CAROLYN NULL	X				
EDUCATION	LORI FITZSIMONS	X				
FINANCE	RUTH JOHNSON	X				
GIRLS STATE	DIANA ESTRADA					X
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	WENDY MENDEZ	X				
LEADERSHIP	EVA AULSTON	X				
LEGISLATIVE	SHARON CHERRETTE	X				
MEMBERSHIP	SHARON CHERRETTE	X				
NATIONAL SECURITY	SUE DIAZ					X
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY	BEVERLY EADS	X				
POPPY	LINDA GUNVALSON	X				
PUBLIC RELATIONS	LEONA SCHANK					X
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION	PENNY MAZONNA	X				

TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES

16

	UNITS	P	A	E	TOTALS
JACK HENRY	UNIT 1	X			
KETCHIKAN	UNIT 3		X		
SEWARD	UNIT 5		X		
MERLIN ELMER PALMER	UNIT 6	X			
DORMAN H. BAKER	UNIT 11	X			
LYNN CANAL	UNIT 12		X		
SITKA	UNIT 13		X		
MAT. VALLEY	UNIT 15		X		
GENERAL BUCKNER	UNIT 16	X			
ROBERT G. BLAIR	UNIT 17	X			
NINILCHIK	UNIT 18	X			
NOME	UNIT 19		X		
GEO. H. PLUMLEY MEM.	UNIT 20	X			
GLADYS M. HEINTZ MEM.	UNIT 27		X		
SPENARD	UNIT 28	X			
MULDOON	UNIT 29	X			
CON MILLER	UNIT 30		X		
PETERS CREEK	UNIT 33	X			
CHAPPIE JAMES	UNIT 34		X		
SUSITNA VALLEY	UNIT 35	X			
C. RUSSELL HUBER	UNIT 57	X			

TOTAL UNITS

12

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS	P	A	E	TOTALS
LYNN BASH		X		
CAROLYN NULL	X			
SUSAN CASWELL	X			
LAVONNE COLLIER	X			
BETTY RANDALL	X			
JILL PAWSON		X		
LISA WILLIAMSON	X			
JEAN CLAYTON		X		
REHTA FOSTER			X	
JEAN SHANDY			X	
FRANCISCA GUILFORD		X		
LINDA GUNVALSON	X			
EVA AULSTON	X			
JUDY PUSTI		X		
BETTY PORTER		X		
SUE CHERRIER		X		
LORI FITZSIMMONS	X			
JUNE HAAS		X		
SUE DIAZ	X			
BEVERLY EADS	X			
TOTAL PDP'S				10

Penny Mazonna made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the October DEC and that they be approved as mailed out. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Linda Schmitt reported the following balances:

Gaming - \$20,020.15
 General Checking – \$15,286.09
 Girls State - \$8,333.77
 Rehabilitation - \$5,209.90

COMMUNICATIONS

There are none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christmas Gift Stockings at the Domiciliary

Linda G. brought 20 fleece blankets to convention to sell. She has 24 more blankets cut out. She has volunteered to donate these blankets to the Domiciliary Gift Shop.

Sue Caswell made a motion for Linda G. to donate her blankets this year instead of the Christmas Stockings for the Domiciliary Gift Shop. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Auxiliary Pin Design

Linda Schmitt reminded the body of action taken at last years' convention to produce color renderings of the two pin designs submitted for approval to produce a lapel pin for trading at National Convention as well as for fundraising. Linda produced the color rendering that her daughter drew for the pin being proposed by Linda Schmitt. There are changes that need to be done to the design, i.e. move the Auxiliary emblem to the top of the design etc. This will be discussed further at Convention. How much is the cost, how many are going to be ordered etc. The pin will be a cut-out pin. There needs to be a specific deadline – before the close of convention on Saturday afternoon.

Poppies - Linda Gunvalson, Poppy Chairman

Every poppy that had been made has been dispersed among two Units. There were three people interested in making the poppies at the domiciliary. Linda Gunvalson moved to table this discussion until after her report during the regular Convention session. There is a lot that needs to be discussed regarding this issue so that we can decide what we will do in the future.

Lori Fruhwirth of Dorman H. Baker Unit 11 asked if it was too late to order poppies. Linda Schmitt responded that the information for ordering had been sent out in November of last year and that yes, it was too late to order for this year. Linda G. stated that she had extra labels that Lori could use to re-label poppies from last year. If anyone has extra poppies, see Lori.

Western Division National Vice President – Lavonne Collier

Lavonne read Lisa Williamsons' letter of endorsement for candidacy of the Western Division National Vice President for 2014-2015. Lisa stated that she has to respectfully decline. She has recently been appointed as Chairman of the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee and that this chairmanship is a stepping stone that puts her in line as a future National President someday.

Lavonne read Sue Diazs' letter of endorsement for Western Division National Vice President for 2014-2015. This reading is for information only. If there are any other letters for anyone wishing to be considered for this office, they need to submit their letters before lunch tomorrow morning (Thursday, April 24, 2014).

Membership T-Shirts

Lisa has two or three green t-shirts for \$20.00 each that we will be wearing at National Convention for the parade.

Fall Workshop

Linda Schmitt notified the body that they have a choice of October 4-5 or October 11-12 for the fall workshop.

Lavonne made a motion to hold our Fall Workshop on the weekend of October 4-5 as the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion has meetings scheduled for October 11-12 and that they would like to participate in the workshop also as a part of the American Legion family. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Location will probably be in Anchorage at Jack Henry Post 1. Jack Henry Post 1 would like the opportunity to bid on providing the food for the workshop. Sue Caswell moved that we allow Jack Henry to bid on the food for the workshop. The motion was seconded. Anne Foley Unit 1 verified that they were also looking at alternatives for providing the food instead of having it catered. Department Secretary Linda Schmitt will make the ultimate decision as to which way to go regarding the food for the workshop. Motion approved. There was one dissenting vote.

National Visitors

It has been suggested to have a joint opening so that the National visitors are acknowledged at our workshop. Linda Gunvalson made a motion to have a joint opening including, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders. The motion was seconded. Linda G. clarified her motion that the opening would include the Opening Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Preamble, Introductions (especially of National Visitors) and the officers of each organization. We would then break for everyone to go to their own respective meetings. If the National Visitors would later like to bring greetings to the Auxiliary accommodations would be made for them at that time. Suggestion by Linda G. to make it an option for anyone interested in program presentations to be allowed to attend. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Kevin Collier Campaign

Beverly Eads made a motion to donate \$500.00 from the gaming account to Kevin Collier, Sons of the American Legion second leading candidate for National Commander (2015-2016). Motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

Linda Schmitt clarified that this is simply to get a jump on who will be interested in attending National Convention. We also need two people who will be interested in attending as pages.

Preliminary members interested in attending National Convention are:

Beverly Eads	Sharon Cherrette
Colleen Newman	Carolyn Null
Wendy Mendez	Lori Fruhwirth
Barbe Wolkoff	Lisa Williamson
Betty Randall	Sue Diaz
Marge Blankenship	Eva Aulston
Linda Schmitt	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Request for New Officer Contact Information needs to have the Membership Chairman information included. It was inadvertently left out of the request this year.

We need to be out of our meeting room by 4:00pm each day. We will recess at 3:30pm each day. Dottie Fischer is the acting Sergeant-at-Arms and will not allow anyone to leave until the room is cleaned up.

Dave Shandy is out of the hospital and will be staying with his son Tony's house in Chugiak. Please send cards and letters to:

Dave and Jeannie Shandy
c/o Tony Shandy
19936 Weeping Birch
Chugiak, AK 99567

Jimmy Foster's mother passed away this past Saturday. Please send cards and letters of condolence to:

Jimmy and Rehta Foster
2040 E. Chimere Dr.
Meridian, Idaho 83646

Nellie Dale is in California at her daughters' house.
Jean Clayton has been moved to Haines with her daughters.

Sue Coup has raffle tickets for her shawl. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Drawing will be Saturday evening.

Carolyn Null went to visit Gloria Olsen-Petrovich and reports she is doing well.

Beverly Eads Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will be at Paradiso's for \$20.00. She needs head count by Friday morning. Price includes salad, entrée, dessert and beverage. Scarf and jewelry items will be auctioned off.

Closing prayer offered by Department Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Schmitt
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska
Secretary/Treasurer