**Minutes of the**

**Pre-Convention DEC Meeting**

**April 20, 2022**

**7:30 p.m. – Spenard Post 28**

The meeting was called to order by President Jane Larson at 7:32 p.m.

**MOTION**: By Anarene Robinson (Unit 33) and seconded by Diana Estrada (Unit 35) to dispense with opening ceremonies except for the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ROLL CALL**

Present

 National Officers

 National Executive Committee Member Penny Mazonna

 Department Officers

President Jane Larson

1st Vice President Anarene Robinson

Secretary Barbara Nath

Treasurer Diana Estrada

Chaplain Colleen Newman

Historian Lori Fruhwirth

Sgt-at-Arms Frances Bedel

Executive Committee Member Robyn Downs

 Standing Committees

 Alaska Girls State – Lori Fruhwirth

 Americanism – Jane Larson

 Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Zona Gregg

 Distinguished Guests – Penny Mazonna

 History – Lori Fruhwirth

 Legislative -- Penny Mazonna

 Membership – Anarene Robinson

 National Security – Frances Bedel

 Past Presidents’ Parley—Jane Larson

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**ROLL CALL** (continued0

 Present

 Units

 Jack Henry Unit 1

 Joseph T. Craig Unit 3

 Seward Unit 5

 Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6

 Dorman H Baker Unit 11

 General Buckner Unit 16

 George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20

 Spenard Unit 28

 Muldoon Unit 29

 Peters Creek Unit 33

 Susitna Valley Unit 35

 C. Russell Huber Unit 57

 Past Department Presidents

 Marge Blankenship Susan Caswell Sharon Cherrette

 Rehta Foster Penny Mazonna Caroline Null

 Jane Larson

Excused

 National Officers

 Alternate National Executive Committee Member Sue Diaz

 Department Officers

2nd Vice President April Sinclair

 Standing Committees

 Audit – Sue Diaz

 Community Services – Kathy Moore

 Constitution and Bylaws – Sue Diaz

 Junior Activities – Nina Ketelsen

 Veteran’s Affairs and Rehabilitation – April Sinclair

 Past Department Presidents

 Sue Diaz Sue Waldhaus Lisa Williamson

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**ROLL CALL** (continued0

Absent

 Department Officers

Executive Committee Member Sheryl Howe

 Standing Committees

 Children and Youth – Sheryl Howe

 Education and Scholarship – Lisa Boyles

 Finance – Beverly Eads

 Leadership – Delores Stokes

 Poppy – Christine Calabrese

 Public Relations – Beverly Eads

 Units

 Lynn Canal Unit 12

 Sitka Unit 13

 Matanuska Valley Unit 15

 Robert G. Blair Unit 17

 Ninilchik Unit 18

 Gladys M. Heintz Unit 27

 Con Miller Unit 30

 Chappie James Unit 34

 Peter Heyano Unit 442

 Past Department Presidents

 Eva Aulston Lynn Bash Ruth Brown

 Betty Bumala Jean Clayton Lavonne Collier

 Beverly Eads Lori FitzSimons Francisca Guilford

 June Haas Laverne Kearns Debbie Lowndes

 Evelyn Oliver Jill Pawson Jean Shandy

 Barbe Wolkoff

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

President Jane Larson introduced Western Division National Vice President Toni Gimpel. She is from Idaho. She thanked Alaska for the invitation to come visit our state and encouraged us to continue the great work the Alaska members are doing.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION**: by Zona Gregg (Unit 6) and seconded by Diana Estrada (Unit 35) to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 DEC Meeting.

 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1st Vice President Anarene Robinson read a letter from Governor Dunleavy congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska has reaching 100 years of services.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Department Executive Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION**: by Barbara Nath and seconded by Diana Estrada (35) to approve the rental of space at the American Legion Headquarters Building in Anchorage for a cost of $200 per year.

 Barb pointed out that she had several years of documents from different secretaries throughout the years. She wanted to be able to move items to American Legion Headquarters building. The intent was that the current year and the past year documents are kept with the secretary.

 Sharon Cherrette asked about paying for a rental van to move everything into town. Barb indicated that there were several people in the Valley who had trucks which could be used to transport, but thanked Sharon for thinking of that cost.

 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* The joint Opening Ceremony will be at 9:00 a.am. Thursday at Spenard Post 28.
* There will be a Post Everlasting for all family members, and the Military Child’s Table Ceremony (conducted by the Junior Auxiliary members).
* Members were reminded to bring scrapbooks, history books and Chaplains’ books to the meeting on Thursday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Department Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nath

Department Secretary