

**Minutes of the
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Pre-Convention Meeting
April 26, 2023
7:15 p.m. – Peters Creek Post 33**

NATIONAL DIGNITARIES

Our visiting National Dignitaries stopped in before the meeting was called to order. These included National President Vickie Koutz, Leading Candidate for Commander Dan Seehafer, Sons of the American Legion National Commander Chris Carlton, and Candidate for National Commander Jim LaCoursiere.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by President Anarene Robinson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A prayer was offered by April Sinclair

ROLL CALL

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>National Officers</u>			
NEC Member Penny Mazonna			X
Alternate NEC Sue Diaz	X		
<u>Department Officers</u>			
President Anarene Robinson.....	X		
1 st Vice President April Sinclair	X		
2 nd Vice President Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
Secretary Barbara Nath.....	X		
Treasurer Diana Estrada.....	X		
Chaplain Connie Landmesser		X	
Historian Annette Gwalthney-Jones			X
Sgt.-at-Arms Frances Bedel.....	X		
Executive Committee Member Robyn Downs	X		
Executive Committee Member Josette Kinslow.....	X		
<u>Standing Committees</u>			
Alaska Girls State – Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
Americanism – Carole Johnson		X	
Audit – Sue Diaz.....	X		
Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Colleen Newman.....			X
Children and Youth – Robyn Downs.....	X		
Community Services – Shirley Shadbolt	X		

ROLL CALL (continued)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Standing Committees (continued)</u>			
Constitution and Bylaws – Sue Diaz	X		
Distinguished Guests – Penny Mazonna.....		X	
Education and Scholarship – Samantha Funk.....	X		
Finance – Lisa Boyles.....			X
History – Annette Gwaltney-Jonesh			X
Junior Activities – Nina Ketelsen	X		
Leadership – Keri Black	X		
Legislative – Penny Mazonna.....		X	
Membership – April Sinclair	X		
National Security – Frances Bedel.....	X		
Past Presidents’ Parley – Jane Larson.....	X		
Poppy – Marge Blankenship.....			X
Public Relations – Cheryl McKey			X
VA&R – Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
<u>Units</u>			
Jack Henry Unit 1	X		
Joseph T. Craig 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
Matanuska Valley Unit 15			X
General Buckner Unit 16	X		
Robert G. Blair Unit 17.....	X		
Ninilchik Unit 18			X
George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20.....	X		
Gladys M. Heintz 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		
Peter Heyano Unit 442.....			X
<u>Past Department Presidents</u>			
Eva Aulston.....			X
Lynn Bash			X
Margaret Blankenship.....			X
Ruth Brown.....			X
Betty Bumula			X
Susan Caswell.....	X		

ROLL CALL (continued)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Past Department Presidents</u>			
Sharon Cherrette	X		
Lavonne Collier			X
Sue Diaz	X		
Beverly Eads	X		
Lori FitzSimons			X
Rehta Foster			X
Francisca Guillford			X
June Haas			X
Laverne Kearns			X
Jane Larson	X		
Debbie Lowndes			X
Penny Mazonna.....		X	
Carolyn Null.....			X
Evelyn Oliver			X
Jill Pawson			X
Linda Schmitt.....		X	
Jean Shandy			X
Etta Singleton.....			X
Sue Waldhaus.....			X
Lisa Williamson.....	X		
Barbe Wolkoff			X

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Beverly Eads (Unit 17) and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2022 Department Executive Committee Meeting. B approved as corrected

Minutes should be corrected to show that Lisa Williamson was excused and it was held at Susitna Valley Unit 35.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote with noted corrections.

TREASURER’S FINANCE REPORT

Diana Estrada, Treasurer, reported on the Department’s accounts

Gaming	24,893.26
General	35,426.40
Girls State	24,195.21
Girls State Savings	11,562.71
Rehabilitation	23,662.37
Merrilyn Stock	16,610.95
Edward Jones	93,689.19

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communications to be read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the DEC.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the DEC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joint Opening Ceremonies will be at Peters Creek Post 33 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. They will include Post Everlasting and the Military Child's Table.
- After the Americanism Luncheon, the Auxiliary and the Honorary Junior Auxiliary will be released to their meetings. Auxiliary meetings are being held at the River of Life Church.
- The Past Presidents Parley Luncheon will be on Friday not Saturday. Jane Larson will be accepting payments.
- All items to be judged must be received upon arrival at the Auxiliary Session.
- All Committee Chairs who have not submitted their written report should give them to the Department Secretary upon arrival at the Auxiliary meetings on Thursday.
- K-kups for Fisher House can be turned in at the church
- All Committee chairs are supposed to submit their reports electronically. They cannot submit written reports. They are due to National by May 15th.
- The hotel for the National Convention will be \$183.25 per night. Registration forms and first night's payment are due in July.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Sue Diaz (Unit 20) and seconded to adjourn the meeting of the Department Executive Committee.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote with adjournment at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nath
Department Secretary