

Pre-Executive Committee Meeting
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington
Spokane, Washington – Wednesday, July 15th, 2015

President Lorna Deckert called the Pre-Convention Executive Committee meeting to order at 2:50pm. Colors being place, Department Chaplain Lora Shanahan gave the opening prayer. President Lorna read the POW/MIA Ceremony and asked for a moment of silence for our departed. All joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution. President Lorna declared the meeting regularly convened.

Department Secretary/Treasurer Nicole Ross took roll call. All were present with the exception of 7th District President/Vice, 8th District President/Vice, and 11th District President/Vice.

President Lorna appointed Elaine Roach, Dorinda Caryle, and Terry Fischer to approve the minutes of the meeting.

President Lorna stated that the minutes of the Mid Winter Executive Committee meeting has been read and approved by the committee and is on file at Department Headquarters. Janet Sperry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Laura Bondurant seconded. Motion carried.

There were no additions to the Officers and Chairman's annual reports.

Finance Chairman Lorna Ledoschuk informed the Executive Committee that there was an error in the budget under the Children and Youth line as approved at the Mid Winter Conference. Our Bylaws indicate that we should allow \$500.00 instead of the \$250.00 allocated. Susan Patterson moved to increase the Children and Youth special project line by \$250.00. Sharon Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

Fifth District President Sandy Yakkel moved to withdraw the charter for Salmon Creek Unit #176. Terry Fischer seconded. Motion carried.

Sixth District President Terry Fischer moved to turn in the charter for Moxee Unit #162. Susan Patterson seconded. Motion carried.

Ninth District President Rita Mayrant moved to suspend the charter for Nesplem Unit #114. Sandy Yakkel seconded. Motion carried.

Catherine Olson moved to place Tacoma Unit #222 on suspension. Terry Fischer seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Chairman Jane Montaney suggested that in the future the Department should consider arranging a ALA-MIS workshop to help Unit better understand how to use the program.

Unfinished Business:

Secretary/Treasurer Nicole informed the Committee that we are unable to do voting in Washington State via email or mail without written consent from the entire Executive Committee. Nicole plans to research this further and report back to the Committee.

The Auxiliary was under the understanding for many years that they owned 25% of the property of where Department Headquarters is located. President Lorna and Secretary/Treasurer Nicole, alongside the Legion counterparts researched this year. The Auxiliary does own 25% of the building. It has been found that neither the Legion nor the Auxiliary own the property that Department Headquarters resides on.

[Attachment A]

New Business:

Fifth District President Sandy Yakkell moved to accept the Vancouver Fisher House as a program of the Auxiliary. Motion seconded and carried.

President Lorna read her list of Convention Appointments. Terri Angell moved to accept the appointments as read. Elaine Roach seconded. Motion carried.

[Attachment B]

During the Evergreen Girls State meeting on January 31st, 2015 a motion to set up a new investment account with Raymond James, having two sub accounts for the Gladys Heinz donation and the Ruth Wipperman donation. Barbara Cramer moved to ratify this action. Susan Patterson seconded. Discussion was had. Susan Patterson called for the question. Terri Angell seconded. Discussion was had. Call for the question carried. Janet Sperry moved to table this topic until Mid-Winter. Elaine Roach seconded. Motion did not pass. Terri Angell called for the question. Susan Patterson seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was had. Motion to ratify this action was passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Nicole suggested that move the Past Department President Scholarship Fund from Edward Jones to Raymond James. Susan Patterson so moved. Barbara Cramer seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about the status of the Vancouver Gift Shop. There is trouble finding a Chairman willing to take on the program. Sandy Yakkell moved to allow the back stock to be given to other Gift Shops in the state with a deadline of pick up by September 1st. Motion seconded and carried.

President Lorna adjourned the meeting for an Executive Committee closed session at 4:35pm.

After a quick break the Executive Committee reconvened at 4:45pm for closed session.

President Lorna asked for the Elaine Roach to close us in prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

Attachments: A – Deed to the Building Information
B – Convention Appointments