

Minutes of the
American Legion Auxiliary
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 19, 2018
(Teleconference Call)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lowndes at 7:01 p.m.

Present:

National Officers

National NEC Lisa Williamson
Alternate NEC Penny Mazonna

Officers

President Debbie Lowndes
1st Vice-President Jane Larson
2nd Vice-President Yvonne Lamm
Secretary Barbara Nath
Treasurer Diana Estrada
Sgt.-at-Arms Lori Fruwirth
Chaplain Marge Blankenship
Historian Ann Robinson
Executive Committeewoman April Sinclair
Executive Committeewoman Ann Foley

Committee Chairmen

Americanism Chair Sue Waldhaus
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman Zona Gregg
History Chair Ann Robinson
Children and Youth Chair Barbara Hummel
Community Service Chair Kathy Moore
Distinguished Guests Chair Lisa Williamson
Education and Scholarship Chair April Sinclair
Finance Chair Jane Larson
Girls State Chair Yvonne Lamm
Junior Activities Chair Sharon Dillon
Leadership Chair Colleen Newman
Legislative Chair Marge Blankenship
Membership Chair Yvonne Lamm
National Security Chair Lisa Williamson
Past Presidents Parley Barbe Wolkoff
Poppy Chair Lori Fruhwirth
Public Relations Lori Wolfe
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chair Jane Larson

Units

Jack Henry Unit 1
Joseph P. Craig Unit 3
Seward Unit 5
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11
General Buckner Unit 16
Ninilchik Unit 18
George H. Plumley Unit 20
Spenard Unit 28
Muldoon Unit 29
Peters Creek Unit 33
Susitna Valley Unit 35
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

Past Department Presidents

Eva Aulston
Margaret Blankenship
Susan Caswell
Sharon Cherrette
Lavonne Collier
Lori FitzSimons
Rehta Foster
Penny Mazonna
Carolyn Null
Betty Randall
Sue Waldhaus
Lisa Williamson
Barbe Wolkoff

Excused

Committee Chairmen

Audit Linda Schmitt
Constitution and By-Laws Chair Sue Diaz

Past Department Presidents

Sue Diaz
Linda Schmitt

Absent

Units

Lynn Canal Unit 12
Sitka Unit 13
Matanuska Valley Unit 15
Robert G. Blair Unit 17
Nome Unit 19
Gladys M Heintz Memorial Unit 27
Con Miller Unit 30
Chappie James Unit 34
Peter Heyano Unit 442

Past Department Presidents

Lynn Bash
Sue Cherrier
Francisca Guilford
Evelyn Oliver
Judy Pusti
Wilma Stokes

Ruth Brown
Jean Clayton
June Haas
Jill Pawson
Jean Shandy

Betty Bumala
Beverly Eads
Laverne Kearns
Betty Porter
Etta Singleton

ACTION ITEMS

President Debbie Lowndes indicated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possible purchase of two computers – one for the ALA Alaska Girls State Program and one for the Department of Alaska Treasurer.

MOTION: Rehta Foster (Unit 28) and seconded by Lavonne Collier (Unit 1) to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the ALA Alaska Girls State Program.

It was noted that the next Alaska Girls State Program (2019) will show a savings on the rental of a site for the program.

It was originally thought that these funds would come from Future Development, however clarification was made that they would come from the Alaska Girls State Account.

Lisa Williamson (Unit 57) asked if the computer would have all the software needed for the Alaska Girls State Program. Ann Robinson (Unit 33) indicated that it would meet the need of the program as far as different software and memory.

The computer would be a Dell Inspiron with a 17 inch screen and plenty of memory at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

The motion carried by voice vote with one person (Unit 28) opposed.

Sue Waldhaus (Unit 28) mentioned that in the email sent out about this, it was reported there was \$2,000 available. She had the understanding this was to purchase two computers.

President Lowndes explained that the Alaska Girls State Board approved the purchase of a computer for the Girls State Program at a cost up to \$2,000. She noted the second computer that was mentioned would come up under a different motion.

MOTION: Lisa Williamson (Unit 57) and seconded by Eva Aulston (Unit 1) to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the Department of Alaska Treasurer with money to come from the Future Development funds.

Ann Robinson (Unit 33) stated that it would be good for our Treasurer to have a laptop available at meetings. That way, when questions arise, she will be able to access the information she needs. In addition, at this time, she has her financial data on a thumb drive, which is not the safest method of transport and requires her to access information through whatever computer is available. Ann recommended purchasing the same type computer as being purchased for the Alaska Girls State program. Diana will also be able to utilize Quick Books on that computer.

April Sinclair (Unit 57) recommended being sure all laptops have wifi accessibility. These computers will have that. Ann also noted that most cell phones have the ability to be a secure hot spot for that computer only.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Eva Aulston (Unit 1) commented that not everyone has a computer or access to a computer or may have reasons they can't use a computer. She asked that we take that into consideration for future electronic information sharing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Department Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.