

**Minutes of the  
PRE-CONVENTION  
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
April 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Colleen Newmans.

All members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

*NATIONAL OFFICERS*

National Executive Committee Member Penny Mazonna

*OFFICERS*

President Jane Larson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Anarene Robinson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President April Sinclair

Secretary Barbara Nath

Sgt.-at-Arms Lori Fruhwirth

Chaplain Colleen Newman

Historian April Sinclair

Executive Committee Member Frances Bedel

Executive Committee Member Zona Gregg

*STANDING COMMITTEES*

Alaska Girls State Lori Fruhwirth

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Zona Gregg

Children and Youth April Sinclair

Distinguished Guests Penny Mazonna

Education and Scholarship Lisa Boyles

History April Sinclair

Junior Activities Margaret Clausen-Grim

Leadership Sue Caswell

Legislative Penny Mazonna

Membership Anarene Robinson

**ROLL CALL (continued)**

**PRESENT**

*STANDING COMMITTEES*

National Security Frances Bedel  
Poppy Margaret Blankenship  
Public Relations Beverly Eads  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation April Sinclair

*UNITS*

Jack Henry Unit 1  
Joseph T. Craig Unit 3  
Seward Unit 5  
Merlin Elmer Palmer, Unit 6  
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11  
Matanuska Valley Unit 15  
General Bucker Unit 16  
Robert G. Blair Unit 17  
Ninilchik Unit 18  
George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20  
Spenard Unit 28  
Muldoon Unit 29  
Con Miller Unit 30  
Peters Creek Unit 33  
Susitna Valley Unit 35  
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

*PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS*

Margaret Blankenship  
Susan Caswell  
Beverly Eads  
Penny Mazonna  
Carolyn Null  
Sue Waldhaus  
Lisa Williamson

**EXCUSED**

*NATIONAL OFFICERS*

Alternate National Executive Committee Member Sue Diaz.

*OFFICERS*

Treasurer Diana Estrada

**ROLL CALL (continued)**

**EXCUSED**

*STANDING COMMITTEES*

Americanism Kathy Moore  
Audit Sue Diaz  
Community Service Debbie Ervin  
Constitution and Bylaws Sue Diaz  
Finance Debbie Lowndes  
Past Presidents Parley Debbie Lowndes

*PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS*

Sharon Cherrette                      Susan Diaz  
Debbie Lowndes                      Linda Schmitt

**ABSENT**

*UNITS*

Lynn Canal Unit 12  
Sitka Unit 13  
Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Unit 27  
Chappie James Unit 34  
Peter Heyano Unit 442

*PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS*

Ruth Brown	Betty Bumala	Laverne Kearns
Evelyn Oliver	June Haas	Lori FitzSimons
Betty Porter	Lavonne Collier	Eva Aulston
Jean Clayton	Etta Singleton	Wilma Stokes
Rehta Foster	Jean Shandy	Jill Pawson
Francisca Guilford	Lynn Bash	Barbe Wolkoff

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Beverly Eads (Unit 17) and seconded by Donna Brohsmith (Unit 16) to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2020 meeting

It was noted that on page 4, it had Colleen Newman being from Unit 350 instead of Unit 35.

The motion was approved with the correction by unanimous voice vote...

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As Diana was excused from this meeting, Barb Nath gave her report.

Gaming.....	10,915.58
General =.....	32,412.69
Girls State.....	9,694.24
Rehab .....	15,766.29
Girls State Savings .....	11,297.21
Scholarship.....	16,288.90
Edward Jones .....	95157.59

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to be read.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fall Conference – It was requested that the Fall Conference be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October due to conflicts with SAL and National as well as a homecoming occurring.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Lisa Williamson updated on National. Travel is being allowed now. There will be some traveling to Indianapolis next week. Kathy Daudistahl is being installed on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Lisa' campaign is back in action after a break due to covid and the resulting financial issues for people Post 28 is doing the calendar raffle. Once they are printed, we will be able to start selling. If units want to have a fundraiser for Lisa and have her present, she will be happy to attend. She is in Alaska until the end of October. Kathy's homecoming is October 7-9 in Kentucky. People should fly into Cincinnati. Anyone who goes can see how they are set up as we prepare to host one for Lisa next year.
- Sharon announced that we will be staying at the Sheraton for the National Convention. There is no shuttle at this time. The hotel does not offer shuttles from the airport to the hotel. Currently the banquet will be occurring. We will know after the spring conference if there is a parade. Delegate fees are \$140 and Guest fees are \$25.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Zona noted that there are bottles on the tables for the Dazzling Me donation of dimes or silver coins for AEF. She will not be doing the AEF 50/50 tickets until Thursday. Colleen has a coin counter which we can use.
- There will be joint opening ceremony tomorrow, followed by Post Everlasting and the Americanism lunch. There will also be a Military Child's Table. After that family entities will dismiss for their meetings.
- If people need rides to or from the Post they need to let us know. Juniors were informed that their bus is leaving at 8:30 and they will be meeting in room 431.
- The PPP Luncheon will be \$15. Please make payments to Penny or Patty.
- If you brought items for the red, white and blue auction, it will be a live auction and funds go to future development. Lisa will be the auctioneer with assistance by Patty Mazonna-Jones.
- Tomorrow is Purple Up Day, please wear purple.
- The purse auction will mostly be at the Auxiliary meetings, however five of them will be a live auction at the Children' and Youth Auction. The Juniors will pick out those five purses.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Pre-Convention DEC meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.