



Minutes
Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: July 26, 2011

Call to order: The July 26, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:37pm MST, President Wendy Hoffman presiding, and Kathryn Hood, Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance: National President Wendy Hoffman, 1st Vice President Julie Roberts, 2nd Vice President Joretta Pickard, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, , Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Treasurer Robin Countryman-Valk, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood, Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Pres. Dept. of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept. of OH Pat Pell, Pres., Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Susan Naill, PNP Karen Stevens

Excused: 4th Vice President, Lori Danby

Absent: PNP Joyce Fulford, PNP Joyce Sanford, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin,

Opening Ceremonies:

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Prayer – Karen Stevens

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Julie Roberts

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Wendy Hoffman

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 28, 2011 minutes.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – Anne Parker/Robin Countryman-Valk (Submitted)

MOTION: To approve the financial report for audit.

First VP – Julie Roberts – (Submitted).

Second VP – Joretta Pickard – The yearbook has been submitted.

Third VP – Judy Dorsey – (Submitted) – The request for 200 from Survivor Outreach Services with Fort Knox has been withdrawn. They have decided to go elsewhere.

Department of Ohio – Pat Pell – The Department of Ohio again being considered for a large grant from Care Source. The accounting for the Golf outing has been completed and they cleared \$1800. \$900 will go to The Fisher House in Cleveland and \$900 to Christmas packages going out in November. There was discussion on ways to ensure a representative from each chapter attends the Department meetings.

Department of OK – Cindy Hood – She was pleased with the 30 people that attended the Department meeting. They spent the time reviewing the Governing Documents for Convention.



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Department of MI – Carol Gates - She has been finalizing plans for the Department of Michigan State Convention to be held October 14 – 16, 2011 at the Clarion Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Department in MN – Pattie Kelley - They are working on Convention as well. There will be 14 attending Convention from MN.

Unfinished Business

NM5 – Voicemails have been left, emails without a response, contact with the 1st VP was attempted without a response. Contact will now be directed to the CEB then the Chapter membership.

Resolution – The resolution will not get done before recess. Wendy encouraged us all to connect with our Representatives to get a co-sponsor. There is not one at this time.

Convention Rules – MOTION: To approve the 2011 Convention Rules.

Seconded and passes on vote.

Election Rules - MOTION: To approve the 2011 Election Rules.

Seconded and passes on vote.

New Business

Quickbooks Online Store – There was discussion regarding the accounting and the redundant order breakdown between the online store and Quickbooks. Every order from the online store has to be broken down and by the time it gets to Quickbooks it should not have to be broken down again since there is already a ledger. Receipts are produced from online orders and is then in the database. The quarterly financial report shows exactly what was sold in detail. Anne has processed over \$25,000 in purchased items.

Convention Refunds – There was discussion regarding a request for a Convention fee refund from a member who cannot attend. Currently there is nothing in the Convention Call indicating a refund policy.

MOTION: If after research it is determined that membership was not notified that there will be no refunds of convention registration fees. Requests up to August 5th will be granted.

Friendly Amendment: **There shall be no refunds of any kind after August 5.** was accepted.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

TX8 and TX15 – TX8 has disbanded and turned in the last of the money. The members are now TX15 and have requested that money be returned to them.

MOTION: That we refund the monies from TX8 from their disbanding and reimburse it to TX15.

Friendly Amendment: **transfer the money** instead of refund

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Announcements

Next meeting – Pre-convention NEB meeting August 9th, 3:00 pm EDT

Remarks – The Capitol tour is at 9:00am and the White House tour is at 11:00am Thursday morning.

Adjournment: 8:16pm MST

1ST VP REPORT FOR JULY 2011

Number of **online** new members from June 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011: **128** new members and new associates.

Online Active Profiles: 11,771

Online Member Profiles: 6,451

Online Associates Profiles: 2,659

Input all applications received from our Financial Secretary into the database as received.

Continue to work with chapters that have not elected all 5 needed positions to keep in compliance with the governing documents (i.e., giving them deadlines to elect, etc.)

Continue to work with chapters on issues relating to their annual reports.

Continue to update 2010-2011 Master Compliance Spreadsheet.

Continue to mail out membership cards to chapters.

Started a 2011-2012 Master Compliance Spreadsheet.

Continue to update Chapter Officers Roster Spreadsheet.

Change expiration dates for all new applicants from 2011 to 2012

As roster reports are received, I move all the expiration dates for all members that are on the roster dues submitted by each chapter and forward the roster reports to the department membership chair for them to change the expiration date according to the chapters that fall under those department.

Maintain the delegate count for convention.

Change all the Applicants that have applied online expiration dates to 2012 and work with all the chapters on getting their members that are renewing via chapter level, expiration dates changed to 2012.

THIRD VP REPORT FOR JULY 2011

Fallen: 47

AFG. 29

IRAQ: 5

Stateside: 13

Banners requested: 33

Current: 19

Older: 1

Stateside: 13

Respectfully,
Judy Dorsey
National 3rd VP
Blue Star Mothers of America