



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: August 23, 2011
Corrected Minutes approved 9/8/2011

Call to order: The August 23, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 8:40 EST, President Robin Barnes-McCarthy presiding, and Charilyn Damigo, Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance: President Robin Barnes-McCarthy, 1st Vice President Janet Broussard (left approx. 11:00 pm), 2nd Vice President Rev. Lin McGee, 3rd Vice President Teresa Bullock, 4th Vice President/Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Recording Secretary Charilyn Damigo, Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Treasurer Julie Roberts (left at 10:22pm), Dept of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept of OH Pat Pell, Pres. Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Karen Stevens (left at 10:20 pm), PNP Susan Naill, PNP Wendy Hoffman, Past Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood (until previous minutes were approved)

Absent: Carol Gates

Excused: PNP Joyce Fulford (not contacted regarding this meeting)

Action Item: Kathryn to research past participation of PNP Joyce Fulford in previous NEB meetings to determine continued eligibility on the NEB.

Opening Ceremonies:

Roll Call of Officers – Charilyn Damigo
Prayer – Teresa Bullock
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Cindi Hood
Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Pat Pell

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the pre-convention minutes as amended.
Motion is seconded (Karen) and passes on vote.

Post-Convention minutes are not ready. Pattie & Kathryn will work to complete these.

Affiliation Agreement:

Julie has sent it to Charilyn Damigo for signature. Once it has been received back to Julie it will be posted.

Conference Calls:

Robin would like to propose looking into another service besides GoToMeeting for future teleconferences. Charilyn Damigo has been asked to look into this.



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Committees

Smaller committees should oversee the majority of NEB business for the efficiency of Board Meetings.

Proposed Committees

Finance – Chair: Karen Stevens, Anne Parker (SC), Julie Roberts (LA)

Motion to accept Karen Stevens as chair, motion is seconded and passes on vote

Parade – Co-Chairs: Pattie Kelly (MN), Pat Pell (OH)

Motion to accept, motion is seconded and passes on vote

Grievance – Chair: Carla Brodacki (OH).

Motion to accept, motion is seconded and passes on vote

Action Item: Robin suggests that Carla should invite someone from each of seven regional areas (somewhat equally divided by membership) to be on the committee with her to review any grievances that may be received going forward. Robin is to send out more information on this so that it can be discussed and voted on during the next meeting.

Bylaws - TBD

Convention – TBD

Disciplinary – TBD

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – (submitted by Anne Parker)

Revised totals from Convention

Store income \$4354

Auction income \$2883

All funds received have been deposited

Dept of Ohio

Judy Dorsey will be the new Ohio Blue to Gold representative. Preparing for Department Convention.

Dept. of Oklahoma

Majority of focus is on current funerals for National Guard. Working on new officers for Chapters. Preparing for Department Convention.

Department of Minnesota

One-day convention being planned. MN NG Adjunct General Nash as guest speaker, potential for all DEP positions to be new.

1st VP

Over 500 emails to respond, trying to be caught up by the weekend.



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2nd VP

Working to get up-to-date on how to put newsletter and yearbook together. She has requested that all officers send a picture and bio to her for the next newsletter.

3rd VP

Several Blue-to-Gold presentations this month (approximately 77 this month). Should be caught up by this weekend. Several errors have been reported from flags requested through Service Flags. Banners are taking 3-4 days to be delivered.

4th VP

Working with Lori Danby & Jennie Knockaert. Today was the first time she could access her email.

New Business:

Veterans Day Parade Updates:

Good feedback from parade chairman after the Convention. He has been the chairman for 11 years. We are currently waiting for a contract from them.

Initial Recommendations from Robin:

3 Levels of participation

Review Stand - NEB officers

Parade Float – “Quarter-Century” moms with chapter escorts with Gold Star Moms

Marchers – “Boots on the Ground” – similar attire for all participants, working with Service Flags to provide low cost vest/jacket

Robin is planning to visit NYC in September to map the route

Motion made to order 200 2 ½” patches in anticipation of a large hat order that will need to be placed prior to parade. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Unfinished Business – Tabled until next meeting

House Bill – Julie to send a copy of the suggested letter to the membership

Civilian Service Recognition Act

Notice to BSM Members – Chapter Profiles need to be in place by Sept. 1

Announcements

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 8, 2011. 8:30pm EST

Recommendation for meetings every other week at least until Veterans Day Parade.

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:11pm EST