

**National Big Dipper Auxiliary  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2023**

**Call To Order:** 6:00pm

President Doreen Berggren

**Prayer:**

PNP/ Chaplain Judy Dorsey

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Pat. Inst. Marisol Gonzalez

**Big Dipper Preamble:**

Treasurer Diana Evans Vance

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Recording Secretary Shannon Kennedy - Present

President, Doreen Berggren - **Present**

1VP, Amy O'Campo - **Present**

Recording Secretary, Shannon Kennedy - **Present**

Treasurer, Diana Evans Vance - **Present**

Financial secretary, Gen Schindler - **Present**

**Departments:**

Dept of Ohio BD President, Suzanne Hughes - **Present**

Dept of MI BD President, Pat Lomanaco - **Present**

PNBDP, Beth Bohannon - **Absent**

PNBDP, Theresa Koontz - **Present**

PNBDP, Kade Rutherford - **Absent**

National 2VP, Karen Stillwell - **Present**

**Appointees:**

Patriotic Instructor, Marisol Gonzalez - **Present**

Chaplain, Judy Dorsey - **Present**

Historian, Barb Cook - **Excused**

Sgt at Arms, Trudy Dupuy - **Present**

Parliamentarian, Brenda Ternullo - **Present**

**Old Business:**

**January Minutes:**

MOTION: A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Pat Lomanaco

2d Gen Schindler

No Discussion

There were no opposed and 1 abstention , the rest were in favor.

The motion passes and the January minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports:** went out prior to the meeting via email, but are there any adds?

**Treasurer-** Diana Evans Vance, showed the hat bags. They look awesome. She has 50 of them.

Discussion followed regarding shipping of them.

**1VP**, Amy O'Campo, a discussion was had about membership, we need to go to our chapters first to grow membership.

We have exceeded last year's numbers by 4.

**Financial Secretary**, Gen Schindler, we have exceeded last year's money by \$20

**Bills:**

The bill for the hat bags was presented..

**JCEA:**

JCEA applications are on the website. We want and need to get the word out.

Diana Evans Vance made contact with the office of Veteran's Affairs. There was further discussion on applications.

We also discussed our new jewelry - we need to promote our jewelry for sale.

**Financials:**

**MOTION:** a motion was made to approve the financials for January by Diana Evans Vance

2d Amy O'Campo

Discussion -Theresa Koontz asked a question regarding deferred liability and the Gen Schindler explained that we have no deficit.

All were in favor and the motion passed. The January financials were approved.

**New Business:** flier for convention needs to be bright colorful and fun.

**MOTION:** a motion to approve the flier for convention was made by the Gen Schindler.

2d Diana Evans Vance.

Discussion - Do we have approval to use Luke Bryan's picture on the flyer? YES - It was taken off of the free internet.

Vote - Motion passes with 1 opposed, Theresa Koontz.

**Fun Night Decorations:** Oriental Trading has two Western backdrops for picture taking

**MOTION:** a motion to purchase both backdrops at Oriental Trading was made by Pat Lomanaco.

2d Theresa Koontz.

Discussion - We will have two photo areas on opposite sides of the room to keep the traffic down

Vote - all were in favor and the motion passes. We will purchase both photo back drops.

Western napkins - check with chapters in Nashville to see if they can find them cheaper. We will postpone discussion on the napkins until the next meeting.

Hay Bales - cannot have them at the hotel.

Wooden crates - maybe we can borrow them from the hotel.

Blue Stars to hang in clusters.

**MOTION:** a motion to get five packets of blue stars was made by the Diana Evans Vance.

2d Gen Schindler.

No Further Discussion

Vote - All were in favor and the motion passes. We will purchase five packets of blue stars.

Theme - Boots, Stars and Guitars

BOOTS: Our kids wear boots - cowboy boots, and combat boots.

STARS: We are the stars.

GUITARS: We are in Nashville

**How do people get in to fun night? How do we know they paid?** An idea from Diana Evans Vance is to have pins to wear showing those that have paid. For 100 they are 47 cents each. We will need 200.

A discussion was held regarding the colors on the pin there is a blue background, many feel there should be blue stars included on the pin.

It is more aesthetically pleasing to have a blue background, as it will stand out on clothes better

Diana Evans Vance will find out the cost for one and two colors for 200 pieces. Doreen Berggren's company is donating 200 voting paddles. She will not order the voting paddles until a decision is made on the pins.

**Food:**

The Doreen Berggren and Amy O'Campo are discussing food options.

**Vases:** Diana Evans Vance has 9 clear glass boot vases that we can use for centerpieces. Her chapter will let us borrow them,

**Props for photo booth:**

**MOTION:** a motion to order props for the photo booths not to exceed \$150 was made by the Diana Evans Vance.

2d Amy O'Campo

There was no discussion.

Vote - All were in favor and the motion passes. We can order props for the photo booths not to exceed \$150.

**Suggestion to share pictures:**

Brenda Turnelo suggested we put a flier in the folder for registration that suggests everyone share pictures from fun night and gives directions on how to do that. This folder will be handed out at registration.

**Fundraiser:** Doreen Berggren restarted the Giving Bean Coffee Fundraiser. It doesn't cost us anything and we can consistently bring in money at 25% profit.

**Convention:** Doreen Berggren is president of her chapter CA9 and president of Big Dipper. Her chapter is paying for her airline ticket. She is sharing a room with Barb Cook. It will be a Big Dipper Room. She will be paying for one day and the other six days she should pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of her room.

**MOTION:** Big Dipper to pay for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the President's hotel bill minus one day - Shannon Kennedy.

2d Diana Evans Vance.

No further discussion.

Vote - 1 opposed. The rest were in favor. The motion passes. Big Dipper will pay for the expense of Big Dipper President's lodging at convention for 6 nights divided in half.

**Adjournment:** 7:35 pm