



MEETING MINUTES

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by National President Stacy Anders at 5:36 PM PT.

Opening: PNP/Chaplain Carla Brodacki opened with prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karla Keller

Recording Secretary, Marisol Gonzalez, conducted roll call. The following were present:

National President-Stacy Anders
1VP-Rebecca Stafford
2VP-Karen Stillwell
3VP-Cheree Barrett-Excused
4VP-Brenda Ternullo
Recording Secretary-Marisol Gonzalez
Financial Secretary-Sonya Kay
Treasurer-Alethea Tennill
Dept. of Ohio-Lynn Feldman
Dept. of Michigan-Jackie Ransom
Dept. of Minnesota-Karla Keller
PNP/Chaplain-Carla Brodacki
PNP/VAVS-Anne Parker-Excused
Finance Chair-Julie Straw

Minutes Approval for October 11, 2022 Meeting

Minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting were emailed prior to this meeting from the National Recording Secretary. A motion was made to approve minutes as read.

Motion to approve.

Seconded

Passed on vote with one abstention.

Finance Committee Report:

Report from committee meeting held on November 6, 2022 was emailed to the NEB.

MOTION from committee to the NEB for approval to place an initial order of 21 or more dress shirts (in varying sizes) with a selling price of \$35/\$37.

Friendly amendment to order 36 shirts.

PASSED on vote with no abstentions.

MOTION coming from committee to the NEB for approval to sell the vests at a price of \$48 for all sizes.

PASSED on vote with no abstentions.

MOTION coming from committee to purchase two laptops w/17" screen and a numeric keypad for the NT and NFS including needed software, protection and installation for a cost not to exceed \$1,000 each.

Friendly amendment -one laptop only at this time for NT(NFS waives the need for use of a new laptop.)

PASSED on vote with no abstentions.

Officer Reports:

Emailed to NEB prior to meeting.

4VP added friendly reminder out to chapters regarding compliance issues

Old Business:

Mid-Year dates

Outreach Ambassadors

Memorial Day-NEB invited 5/24-/5/30

New Business:

Ship Thrifty-Zoom webinar training was held for all members. Chapters can become affiliate.

New T shirts through Bonfire-Possible hoodie discussion and to purchase extra for online store. Suggestions welcomed.

Big Dipper fun trivia Zoom for entire body to learn what the Big Dipper is. Dec.4th

Closed Executive Session:

NP took the NEB into CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:25PM PT
And back out of CES at 7:11PM PT
PNP/Chaplain closed us with special prayer request.
Having no additional business for the good of the order, the meeting was
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisol Gonzalez
National Recording Secretary

APPROVED

National 1VP Report

November 2022

- Attended all NEB meetings
- Assisted President when needed
- Responded to emails which included
 - New members
 - Chapter Dues Renewals
 - Membership renewals
 - Questions in general
 - Chapter Officer Rosters
- Assisted Chapter Presidents/Membership Person in how to access their chapter roster
- Worked with Mentor Chair
- Attend Mentor Committee Meeting
- Attended and spoke at the Annual Veteran's Day Celebration for MO2 in Branson, Mo

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca

Rebecca Stafford

National 1VP

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**National 2nd Vice President
November Report 2022**

- Attended all NEB Calls – Regular and Special
- Attended the National BD Meeting
- Received and sorted through email submissions for the November Newsletter
- Communicated through emails and phone calls with multiple Chapters with questions
- Converted pictures and files to fit properly into Publisher
- Edited, resized, redesigned and organized Newsletter submissions
- Provided support and information to all Chapters sending basic questions to the 2VP email

National 3rd Vice President Monthly Report
November 2022

- 1) Processed 6 Veterans
- 2) Processed 6 Servicemembers
- 3) Regular Chapter meeting was a potluck dinner and then packed Regular boxes and Christmas boxes. Also sent boxes to the border.
- 4) Worked on Standing Rules for chapter
- 5) Table with info at the Veterans Day Recognition in Ellis County on 11/12
- 6) Made an appeal for Christmas Cards to send in boxes

November 2022

4VP Monthly Report

In the month of November:

I attended all NEB meetings

I attended all Finance Committee meetings

Answered emails regarding where chapters are located and/or starting a new chapter

Sent packets to CA

AL2 has voted to close

NY16 has voted to close

CA102 has voted to close

TX17 has voted to close

MO7 has voted to close

CA47 Cannot seat a board, they are closing

Sent emails to troubled chapters trying to stop them from folding, coming up with ideas on how to keep them going

WA9 was installed, did financial training with them

Worked with MA1 on financial issues

Helped NJ1 with compliance

Helped CA50 with compliance

Worked with CA37 on financial issues

Sent out letters to chapters that have not even started compliance

Worked on compliance nearly every day

As of Sunday early afternoon, 46 chapters are complete, 127 are either waiting for approvals or have not filed a form, 10 chapter have filed nothing yet

Chapters that are in trouble of closing:

CA1

OK21

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Ternullo

N4VP, 2022-2023



NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

NOVEMBER 2022

Attended all NEB Meetings

Attended Finance Committee Meeting

Made and received telephone calls, texts, and emails

Posted expenses in QuickBooks

Confirmed EIN addresses in member-clicks

Filled and mailed Online Store Orders

Completed and mailed all due to chapter checks to Finsec

Responded to chapters with questions

Yours in Service,

Alethea

National Treasurer



Department of Michigan

November 1 – November 30, 2022 Report

Department of Michigan:

- Chapter meeting
- NEB meeting
- Discussed Compassionate Care Corps with Ann Arbor, MI VA Hospital VAVS Director
- Submitted article for Dept MI newsletter
- Reviewed and approved Dept MI newsletter
- Mentoring MO4
- Worked on venue for 2023 Dept Convention
- Answered phone calls, emails and texts

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Ransom
Department of Michigan, President
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.



Department of Minnesota

November 2022 Report



Department of Minnesota Report

- Attended NEB Zoom meeting
- Chapter Meeting
- Participated in Ship Thrifty Webinar
- Attended National Big Dipper Zoom meeting
- Worked on possible MN Big Dipper
- Participated in Dept. Fundraiser – Honored Always laying wreaths at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery
- Arranged for volunteering at Wreaths Across America Ft. Snelling National Cemetery
- Mentor Committee Meeting via Zoom
- Set dates for Dept. Mid-Year, Spring Meeting and Fall Convention

Respectfully,
Karla Keller
Department of Minnesota, President
BSMoA

**Department of Ohio
November 2022 Report**

1. Monthly Department of Ohio meeting via zoom with Chapter Presidents
2. Attended monthly NEB meeting
3. Special DEB meeting with Board to approve proposal for location for the 2023 Department convention.
4. Completed contract for 2023 North South Conference
5. Continued to keep in contact with Chapters regarding compliance
6. Worked with Dept 2vp with Quarterly Department of Ohio newsletter
7. Emails, phone calls, texts

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Feldman, President

Department of Ohio