



MEETING MINUTES

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

MAY 9, 2023

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by National President Stacy Anders at 5:35PM PT

Opening:

PNP Anne Parker opened in prayer
Pledge of Allegiance was led by PNP Anne Parker
Roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary Marisol Gonzalez

The following were present:

National President-Stacy Anders
1VP-Rebecca Stafford
2VP-Karen Stillwell
3VP-Cheree Barrett
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-arrived at 6:03PM
PNP/VAVS-Anne Parker
Finance Chair-Julie Straw

Minutes Approval:

Minutes from April 11, 2023 meeting were emailed to the NEB prior to this meeting from the National Recording Secretary

MOTION to approve meeting minutes from April 11, 2023 with corrections

Seconded

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

Finance Committee Report:

Report from committee meeting held on May 7, 2023 chaired by Julie Straw

- I. No update on progress of Form 990 from the CPA at this time.
- II. Review of Financial Statements
 - A. March Financial Statements
 - MOTION coming from committee to approve to set aside for audit**
 - Call for vote**
 - No opposed, no abstentions**
 - PASSED**
 - B. April Financial Statements
 - MOTION coming from committee to approve to set aside for audit**
 - Call for vote**
 - No opposed, no abstentions**
 - PASSED**
- III. Convention Update
 - A. Call to Convention will be issued shortly and registration fee is \$165.00
 - B. Bags have been ordered, folders need to be ordered
 - C. Tonya Moore has volunteered to accept National's shipments for convention
- IV. Proposed Budget and Proposed Financial Policies tabled at las NEB meeting

Discussion regarding convention registration fee being covered for elected NEB officers.

 - MOTION coming from committee to approve the Proposed Budget to be presented to the 2023 Convention Body**
 - Call for vote**
 - No opposed, no abstentions**
 - PASSED**

Discussion regarding Proposed Financial Policies

 - MOTION coming from committee to approve the Proposed Financial Policies to be presented to the 2023 Convention Body**
 - Call for vote**
 - No opposed, no abstentions**
 - PASSED**
- V. Financial Officer Updates
 - A. Fin Sec
 - 1. Updates to streamline the accounting process have been implemented and working well
 - 2. NFS and 1VP are producing an information page for the national newsletter to guide membership renewal payments
 - B. Treasurer
 - 1. Laptop computer w/17" screen and numeric keypad including MSOffice365, Norton, Adobe Acrobat and TechSoup installation to be purchased and readied to present to incoming NP at close of 2023 Convention.

MOTION coming from committee to purchase said laptop, not to exceed \$1,000.00

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

2. Webmaster has needed Adobe Acrobat

MOTION coming from committee to purchase Adobe Acrobat (via TechSoup) for Webmaster, not to exceed \$100.00

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

3. Online Store

- a. Blue Star Dad Father's Day Bundle- BSD polo shirt, BSD pin and luggage tag

MOTION coming from committee to sell bundle for \$25.00

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

- b. Restock blue vests

MOTION coming from committee to restock blue vests with an order of 14 large, 14 XL and 8 XXL

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

- c. Online store will close July 14 for Convention. Online pre-convention orders will be accepted with zero fee to be picked up at convention.

- d. Anne Parker volunteered to line up volunteers to assist with convention store

VI. Chapter Grants

A. Approved CA46 existing chapter

B. Current status: 20 existing chapter grants approved (1 remaining) and 3 new chapter grants approved (4 remaining)

MOTION coming from committee to clarify requirements for existing chapter grant applications-Application for grant must be made prior to the event for which the grant is to be used

NP lost connection at 6:23PM, Gavel turned over to 1VP

MOTION

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

Discussion occurred regarding restocking brochures. Alethea will order 1K

NP returned at 6:25PM, Julie left meeting at 6:26PM

Officer Reports

1VP will send report on 5/10

2VP asked for any updates for the newsletter. Request for NEB members photo for yearbook, if not received will use last years.

MOTION to order 40 total 2023 yearbooks

Seconded

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

PNP/VAVS discussed VAVS reps not reporting their work being done on a regular basis. Recommends if not reporting after three months to be removed from position.

Old Business

- Standing Rules-returned from attorney and sent to 1VP. 1VP sent to the NEB for review. Request was made to add Department. 1VP will send to NP and Webmaster to be put on website. PNP Anne suggest that they be sent to members as well
- Donation Solicitation Letter-Anne will resend her chapters letter
- Officer reports for convention due by June 15th-send to Convention Chair
- Constitution-changes were made to include comma in all necessary places

New Business

- Getting quotes for 175-200 BSMA cookies for convention
- Allow time for Q &A when giving officer presentations at convention

Closed Executive Session

NP took the NEB into CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:50PM and out at 7:27PM

FinSec mentioned that there are 26 sponsors for President's Project

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM with a closing prayer led by Chaplain/PNP Carla Brodacki.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisol Gonzalez
National Recording Secretary