



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**JUNE 13, 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-joined at 5:47PM  
2VP-Karen Stillwell  
3VP-Cheree Barrett  
4VP-Brenda Ternullo  
Recording Secretary-Marisol Gonzalez  
Financial Secretary-Sonya Kay-excused  
Treasurer-Alethea Tennill  
Dept. of Ohio-Lynn Feldman  
Dept. of Michigan-Jackie Ransom  
Dept. of Minnesota-Karla Keller  
PNP/Chaplain-Carla Brodacki-excused  
PNP/VAVS-Anne Parker  
Finance Chair-Julie Straw

**Minutes Approval:**

Minutes from May 9, 2023 meeting were sent to the NEB prior to this meeting from the National Recording Secretary

**MOTION to approve meeting minutes from May 9, 2023 as read**

**Seconded**

**Call for vote**

**No opposed, no abstentions**

**PASSED**

**Finance Committee Report:**

Report from finance committee meeting held on June 11, 2023 chaired by Julie Straw

- I. May Financial Statements  
**MOTION to set aside May financial pending audit**  
**Call for vote**  
**No opposed, no abstentions**  
**PASSED**
  
- II. Audit/990 progress  
on extension and in progress
  
- III. CFC application for 2022-2023  
Application has been submitted-expected to hear in June 13, 2023  
Subsequent to FC meeting, received CFC approval and paid listing fee of \$275
  
- IV. NT and NFS Reports
  - A. Spreadsheet provided to NP to track Convention income and expenses has been updated by NFS
  - B. Increase in Memberclicks renewal fee due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
  - C. NFS reported that the Memorial Day weekend event in DC raised a total of \$1,551.81
  - D. Online Store:  
Items considered for restocking: White Logo Shirts (50), New "Supporter" patch and rocker will be restocked at minimum quantity of (100) for convention  
  
**MOTION from finance committee to purchase 100 logo ornaments and sell them at a cost of \$10 each in the online store**  
**Call for vote**  
**No opposed, no abstentions**  
**PASSED**
  
- V. Chapter Grant Applications  
No new applications received this month  
  
Next and final FC monthly meeting of this fiscal year will be on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

**Officer Reports:**

1VP-added that there have been a lot of new members and delegates and renewals are going well. Anticipate more coming in at the end of June after chapter meetings.

2VP-Yearbook update: 75 Chapters being represented in yearbook this year. Since Mid-year has been working with Dept. Presidents on Standing Rules.

PNP/VAVS-Request from financial officers list of store hours to align helpers to run store during convention. PNP is a mentor to a chapter in Maryland. Chapter has connection with DAR in Maryland and they have Blue Star and Gold Star Flags that they would like to donate to them to MD3.

Chapter MD 3 could possibly sell the flags to raise funds. PNP is bringing to the NEB to ask for guidance. Discussion occurred regarding Blue Star Flags and taking a look at the flags before deciding.

**MOTION was made to allow Maryland Chapter to sell the blue star flags after approval of NEB member (PNP/Anne)**

**Seconded**

**Discussion occurred**

**Call for vote**

**No opposed, no abstentions**

**PASSED**

NP discussed if intending to run for office please make sure to understand the qualifications and duties involved. Be aware of the time involved in a national position. Make sure you are ready to dedicate the necessary time.

NP stated to be very mindful as a National Officer.

### **Old Business**

- **Quick Reference Guide (Ritual Book)** sketches(diagrams) were incorrect; need to be updated  
Discussion occurred regarding the history of the ritual book
- **Summary of DC**  
NP gave report that all went very well  
NEB was issued our own Am Vets Liaisons (Steve & Steven) to ensure plenty of bikes/riders
- **Convention update**-113 members have registered for Convention  
Cost of registration will go up after June 30<sup>th</sup>  
A lot of first-time attendees for convention  
4VP will include emergency registration form reminder in newsletter

### **New Business**

NP stated no new business

### **Closed Executive Session**

NP took the NEB into CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:46PM PT and back out at 7:31PM PT

Karla K. closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marisol Gonzalez  
National Recording Secretary

## National 1VP Report

June 2023

- Attended all NEB meetings
- Attended Convention meeting
- Assisted President when needed
- Responded to emails which included
  - New members
  - Chapter Dues Renewals
  - Membership renewals
  - Questions in general
- Assisted Chapter Presidents/Membership Person with membership
- Worked with Mentor Chair

Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca*

Rebecca Stafford  
National 1VP  
573-220-0807

National Third Vice President

June 2023 Report

1. Completed Spreadsheet and sent to National Chaplain for Active Duty, Blue Daisies And Veterans. Continuing to search for Gold Star Mother addresses.
2. Verified and completed Fallen Heroes to Yearbook
3. Completed annual report and sent to convention chairman to have included in Convention booklet.
4. Completed Power Point for break out session
5. Attended Chapter meeting
6. Registered for Convention
7. Registered for Chapter to be included in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
8. Started working on transition document

## **National Financial Secretary Report – May 2023**

Excused from NEB meeting

Attended all Finance Committee Meetings

Emails - answered and filed as needed

Texts and Calls - responded as needed

### **National Financial Assistant**

She has worked on building spreadsheets with info needed to enter deposits into QB, she has completed these through July 7. She is pulling invoices/creating the spreadsheet nearly every day during renewal season/convention registration.

### **Financials:**

Completed entering June deposits in QB for Checking, Savings, and PayPal.

Continued to work with NT to reconcile BSMA accounts

Reconciled June 2023, generated 13 reports, sent those to the Finance Committee for review

Started entering July deposits into QB.

### **Convention**

Updated spreadsheet for all convention income to track that as it comes in, shared this spreadsheet with our President and our Convention Chair.

### **Due to Chapter/Department Checks**

Worked with the Treasurer to generate the correct data for due to chapter/department checks. Checks were created and signed by treasurer and 1VP in my absence and mailed to the Chapters and Departments.

### **Incoming Mail:**

Retrieved all incoming mail from PO Box. Opened and sorted mail into appropriate batches. Processed all mail.

Added mail to spreadsheets (mail received with funds, mail received without funds, member renewals, Convention)

Contacted appropriate NEB member/committee chair with scan of mail relevant to their needs or mail needed items to them

Deposited all funds received and entered deposits into QB

Mailed anything received for Chapters on to their address on record.

### **Memberships**

Working with 1VP to research all emails received from members with questions.

### **Chapters**

Worked with Chapters on various financial related questions.

### **Taxes**

Tax documents were received from our accountant. These were forwarded to the Finance Chair, reviewed, and are ready for the President's signature.

### **VAVS**

Worked with VAVS to receive funds from Chapters that prefer to send monetary donations instead of purchasing requested items.

Submitted by Sonya Kay, National Financial Secretary - July 7, 2023



## **NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT**

**June 2023**

Attended all NEB Meetings  
Attended Finance Committee Meeting  
Made and received telephone calls, texts, and emails  
Posted and matched expenses in QuickBooks  
Received white logo shirts  
Received more of new patch (From Memorial Day)  
Filled and mailed Online Store Orders  
Completed/mailed all checks to Finsec  
Responded to chapters with questions  
Ordered and Paid for Convention items, VAVs sweat pants

Yours in Service,  
Alethea Tennill  
National Treasurer



Department of Michigan

June 1 – June 30, 2023 Report

**Department of Michigan:**

- Created agenda for DEB meeting
- DEB meeting
- Reviewed minutes from DEB meeting
- Attended Dept Big Dipper meeting
- Reviewed Dept Financials
- Submitted article for Dept MI newsletter
- Reviewed and approved Dept MI newsletter
- Attended Dept Collaboration meeting
- Worked on Dept Standing Rules
- Worked with another NEB member and a chapter having issues
- Visited Dept MI Convention venue with Convention Chair
- Answered phone calls, emails and texts

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

## Department of Minnesota

### June 2023 Report

#### Department of Minnesota Report

- Attended NEB Zoom meeting
- Attended Chapter meeting
- Worked with another NEB member and a chapter having issues
- Attended Dept. President collaboration Google meets meeting
- Submitted article for National Newsletter
- Submitted photos for Yearbook
- Submitted article for Dept. Newsletter
- Attended Mentor Zoom meeting
- Responded to texts, emails and phone calls

Respectfully,  
Karla Keller  
Department of Minnesota President  
BSMoA



**National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
June Report 2023**

**-Attended all NEB Calls**

**-Attended the National BD Meeting**

**-Received and sorted through email submissions for the June 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**

**-Designed and created pages for the June Newsletter**

**-Provided support and information to all Chapters sending basic questions to the 2VP email**

**-Finalized and edited the National June Newsletter**

**-Released the June Newsletter to the President and webmaster for distribution on June 16th, 2023**

**-Responded to questions and submissions for the July Newsletter**

**-Assisted BD President and Board Members when needed**

**-Participated and assisted Department Presidents in a Collaboration meeting – finalizing their Standing Rules and Ceremonial and Memorial Procedures**

**-Assisted OH Dept President with a possible Chapter closing**

**-Facilitated an *8 Star Banner* design for an Ohio family honoring Mom posthumously, coordinated recognition with the closest Ohio Chapter to attend their family reunion and speak on BSM**

**-Facilitated weekly Yearbook Committee Meetings**

- Included another “how to” for Yearbook Orders**
  
- Responding to and sending out multiple emails to clarify Yearbook submissions, names, photos etc.**
  
- Assisted with additional designs of Yearbook Ads**
  
- Finalized editing and multiple proofs of the 2023 yearbook**
  
- Ordered the 2023 Yearbook on June 26 – Rejoice and be Glad**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Stillwell  
National 2ndVP  
[2vp@bluestarmothers.us](mailto:2vp@bluestarmothers.us)  
614-893-1180**

			January Hours/Donations	Feb hrs / donations	March hrs. / donations	April hrs / donations	May hrs/Donations	JUNE HRS / DONATIONS
KELLY	TROMBLY & Donna Vickery NY2	Albany, NY	NY	2 hrs/ 0 donations	2 hrs.	0 7 hrs / donation to food pantry	8 hrs/ \$200.00	
MARLAINE	GAYLOR	Albuquerque	REP	sent in May	sent in May	sent in May	sent in May	
JACKIE	RANDOM MI 194	Ann Arbor MI	REP	1 hr/ 0 donations	45 min. Compassionate Care Call	1.75 hrs.	38 min. CCC	CCC 16 MINUTES
CATHEEN	SCHULTE	Atlanta, GA	REP					
ELIZABETH	BOHANNON	Battle Creek, MI	REP					
NKKO	SMITH FL3	Bay Pines, FL	DEP	12 hrs/ \$96 food donations	Valentine Cards/12 hrs.			
JACQUELINE	JUNE FL15	Bay Pines, FL	REP	5 hrs/donation total \$206.89 - variety of items	\$110.00 donations, various snacks			
MELISSA	RIVERA	Buffalo, NY	REP					
SHALUNA	ZULOWSKI	Butler, PA	REP					
AMY	VANDERWEEKEN	Canandaigua, NY	REP					
SHARON	RUSSELL SCR	Charleston, SC	REP	0 hrs/ \$51,000 donations/coats/snacks		AJR, donations \$100.00	0 hrs	
COLLEEN	PETERSON, IL6	Chicago HINES, IL	REP	1 hr/ 0 donations		61. hrs / \$430 + \$250 donations	4 hrs. \$200.00	4 HRS.
GLORIA	JORDEN	Cincinnati, OH	REP			0 hrs/ 0 donations		
JENNIFER	RESHETAR, OH 57	Cleveland, OH	REP		Planning Baby Shower, 62 hrs			
RIBECCA	STAFFORD	Columbia, MO	REP					
DEB	WALTZ	Columbus, OH	REP	0 hrs/\$1363.00 donations 275 pr socks/snacks	236 bags/56 CD's, Variety of items/	various donations, St Pats Day 15 hrs.	0 hrs.	1.0 QUARTERLY MEETING
CHEREE	BARRETT & Susan Lutz Dallas Dep	Dallas, TX	REP	2 hrs/ 0 donations				
JULIA	MURK	Danville, IL	REP	no hours	zero hrs/	no hours	0 ours	
SUSAN	BETTINGER & Vicki Daniels	Dayton, OH	REP	81. hrs/ 0 donations	102 hrs. \$80.00 donation	\$430 hats, \$250 general 59.5 hrs.	60.75 hrs. 0 donations	108 hrs. 102 HRS / QUARTERLY MTG
SANDRA	GDMKE	Denver, CO	REP					
BETH	TYRON	Detroit, MI	REP					
SKYLA	GOVIER	Eric, PA	REP					
LISA	BAILEY	Fresno, CA	REP	7 hrs/donations 200 cards/decorations removal		3 hrs / mtg	8 hrs/ AJR/StandDown	0 hrs. 100 candy bars
ANNE	PARKER	Gainesville, FL	REP	joined with Jackie June report	combined with Jackie June report			
KRISTY	HALE	Grand Junction, CO	REP					
TERESA	WITTHROW	Houston, TX	REP					
ANNA	McKEEHAN	Johnson City, TN	REP					
ANGIE	NELSON	Lexington, KY	REP					1 hr.
SARAH	CLARK	Little Rock, AR	REP					
CHRISTINE	MCCACKEN	Livermore, CA	REP			4 hrs. Coffee Service	17.5 hrs / coffee service	9 hrs.
STACY	PAGAN	Loma Linda, CA	REP					
SHANNON	KENNEDY CAJ	Long Beach, CA	REP	1hr - training for compassionate care program	0 hours	3 Hrs/ CCC Training/Badges/FP	100 Bags with items	
JO-ANN	MANZO	Los Angeles, CA	REP					
KELLY	WIVELL	Martinsburg, WV	REP					
Lorraine	Browning	Mather, CA	REP					
PAM	McCABE	Minneapolis, MN	REP	34 hrs. 0 donations				40.5 hrs.
SALINDRA	BIXLER	Muskogee, OK	REP					
ANN	BERKINS	New Orleans, LA	REP	1 hr meeting	5.2 hrs		3 hrs/AJR	\$897.00 / 2.5 hrs
SUSAN	HALL	Northhampton, MI	REP		3 hrs.	0 hrs	0 hrs	\$1250 PUZZELS, \$554 STANDOWN 600 GS COOKIS
ANDREA	NORDQUIST	Northpoint, NY	REP					0 HRS.
BABBARA	HARKNESS	Philadelphia, PA	REP					
THERESA	KOONTZ	Phoenix, AZ	REP					
BECKY	NELSON	Portland, OR	REP					
MELISSA	RIVERA	REP	Buffalo, NY					
CYNTHIA	McKINNEY	Salem, VA	REP	1 hr meeting/ \$248 donations	1 hr	1.5 hrs. AJR	1 hr \$257 hygiene items	1 hr.
Michelle	Connley	CA30	Rep	0 hrs	0 hrs	2 hrs	0 hrs	
ELLISA	GREER	Seattle, WA	REP					
FOSTORIA	PIERSON	South Charlotte, NC	REP					
BRENDA	MARCUS	St. Cloud, MN	REP	0 hrs	0 hrs	0 hrs	0 hrs	4 hrs.
Beth	Tyron	reports from November 22 to present sent			0 hrs received	0 hrs received		
DENISE	GUERRA	Tomah, WI	REP	30 hrs/ 0 donation	54.75 hrs. No Vet Dies Alone Program		35.4 hrs.	Qrty Mtg / 79 hrs 87 HRS.
VERONICA	SANCHEZ	Tucson, AZ	REP					
KAREN	ZOOK	West Palm Beach, F	REP					
REA	SCIMECA	West Palm Beach, F	DEP					
Kunziel	Karen	CT 3						
Cordero	Ann	TXK	Rep				1 hr meeting / 12 boxes diapers & wipes	0 hrs
Susi	Lutz	Dallas, TX	Rep				13 hrs.	\$38.00 donation/18hrs 25 HRS.
Molra	Fisher	CA 15	Rep					34 HRS. BBQ FOR 70 - \$1074 SWEATSHIRTS \$224 BURGERS
Evelyn	Susie	Marr	Austin CBOC	Rep				10 hrs