



**Big Dipper Auxiliary  
Executive Board Meeting  
Monday, January 17, 2022  
8:30pm EST/ 5:30 PST**

Phone number and access code: 1(267)807-9601 access code 299-651-344

**Meeting called to order 8:31 pm EST  
Moment of Silence and Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Preamble**

**Elizabeth Bohannon, President  
Sylvia Marago-Gaxiola, Chaplain  
Berva Treat, Patriotic Instructor  
Marisol Gonzalez, Historian**

"For God, our country and sons and daughters, we pledge ourselves to assist in furthering the objects and purposes of our parent organization, "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.," to preserve harmony, good will, cooperation and closer fellowship among its members, we so unite to establish a permanent "Fun organization".

**Welcome 1st call in 2022 thanks for your participation.**

**Roll Call of Officers-**

**2021-2022**

President – Elizabeth B-**\* Present**

1 VP – Elizabeth C -**\*Present**

Financial Secretary – Charla F-**\* Present**

Treasurer ProTem– Kathryn V -**\* Present**

Recording Secretary -Deborah H- **\*Present**

Chaplain – Sylvia G-**\*Present**

Patriotic Instructor – Berva T-**\*Present**

Historian – Marisol G- **\*Present**

Parliamentarian - Brenda T-**\* Present**

Sgt at Arms – Trudy D-**\* Present**

PNBDP - Kade R- **\*Present**

PNBDP – Theresa K - **\* Present**

**Departments:**

Michigan BD President – Pat Lomonaco **\* Present**

Ohio BD President – Gloria Jordan **\*Present**

**NEB:**

Karen Stillwell - 2nd VP BSMA National Representative**\*Present**

Amendments:

- Make sure positions not names are noted in minutes going forward.

Motion to Accept as presented with Amendments: Treasurer BD

2nd Motion: Financial BD

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: Yes

### **Approval of Minutes - December 29, 2021**

Amendments:

- Make sure positions not names are noted in minutes going forward.

Motion to Accept as presented with Amendments: 1VP BD

2nd Motion PNP TK

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: Yes

### **Officer Reports**

Amendments:

- None

Motion for Bank Reconciliation w/Checks & deposits, Statement of Financial Activity, Budget vs Actual to be moved forward to audit and accepted as presented: Treasurer BD

2nd Motion: Financial BD

Abstain: None

Motion Carried Yes

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Compliance
  - We filed on time and are in compliance at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES-**

#### **Big Dipper Michigan President-**

- Going to the different chapters to speak with regards to get the chapters to know what big dipper really is. Hope to get payments out in January, still waiting on some paperwork from recipients. Pat will be inquiring with her daughter in law on fundraising accessories (visors)

#### **Big Dipper Ohio President-**

- OH Dept has a meeting Tues. 2 recipients over the 599 limit will make sure a 1099 goes to those receiving awards. .

#### **Big Dipper Minnesota-**

- No information on their BD department at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

- **Quilt Update:** We still have spots available for both quilts. Total 22 squares are spoken for the project. breakdown is 18 Patriotic and 4 Sisterhood. Participating letters have been sent to those who have signed up. still awaiting some payments & forms. If a square is mailed in and the donation funds are not received, the square will not be added to the quilt.
  - Awareness was made by the newsletter, facebook and emailing past participants.
    - Can we post the form to the web page for National Big Dipper.
    - We will continue to share the information until Mid March so that all squares can be in timely to assemble the quilts.
- **Status of JCEA Recipients**
  - Signatures have been added on the bank account to be able to get recipient checks out. Question on echecks could they be sent out to see if we could send out more quickly?
    - Treasure BD answered it could be done through the bill pay on the bank website.

- Motion to payout to award recipients be completed by bill pay electronic check by Treasure BD  
2nd PNP TK  
Motion Carried: Yes
- **Application: JECA award process for 2022**
  - June 24, 2022 would be the current return to NBD for review (30 days prior to National Convention)
  - Suggestions to make the applications available once updated for this year so there is opportunity to answer questions.
- **National Convention Registration**
  - Fee for fun night entry
    - Treasure BD asked if we have the cost of meals for convention - this has not been shared yet.
    - PNP K requested we not raise the cost due to Covid
    - PNP TK suggested we not set fee until we know more on the fees for convention and not raise due to money already in account
    - Fee amount is on hold until more information from National BSMA is presented.
- **Theme for Fun Night Send out list to vote on/narrow down the theme** Ideas -
  - Christmas in July, (beach attire)
  - British Royalty,
  - Girls Wanna Have Fun,
  - Zoot Suit Night,
  - Monte Carlo Casino
  - Bonnie and Clyde Style
  - Gone with the Wind
  - Under the Sea
  - Long Beach Grand Prix

### **Additions to agenda**

- PNP TK - Have we had any opportunity to purchase for the Big Dipper store for the table at the convention?
  - Visor is a suggestion due to the sun in California
    - Financial BD daughter can design & get cost to report back at next meeting.
- 1VP BD - Do we have to pay a table fee and if so can we request it be waived? 2VP NEB will check on.
- National BSMA Representative: 2VP NEB
  - Addressing minutes and reports available for review at least 24 hrs prior to meeting.
  - Thanks for being on the call. reminded that our success is very important and challenging. consider other venue with audio/video calls. Dream work makes teamwork happen. Our email invites need to go out earlier & timely serve out all the reports. She was confused about how to access the call. remember to give no less than 24 hours for review times.
  - Rec Sec apologized for the confusion today and that meetings should be on everyone's calendar until August and if not to let her know.

### **Remarks for the good of the order**

President BD thanked everyone for being here.

### **Chaplain's Closing Prayer**

Adjourn @ 9:42 PM EST