



BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
NATIONAL BIG DIPPER AUXILIARY
Josephine Calenda Education Assistance Fund
Office of National Big Dipper President



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Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 8:04 pm

Roll Call of Officers

President – Connie Moler Shuck - Present

1VP – Rebecca Collins - Present

Rec Sec – Mylessia Quillen - Present

Pro-Tem Fin Sec – Alethea Tennill - Present

Treasurer – Gen Schindler - Present

Dept of OH President – Kim Stock Foster - Present

Dept of MI President – Claudette-Lunney Talbot - Absent

BDPNP – Pat Lamonaco - Present

BDPNP – Doreen Berggren - Present

BDPNP – Beth Bohannon - Absent

NEB Representative – National President Rebecca Stafford –Excused

NEB Representative – National 1VP – Karen Stillwell -Present

Chaplin – Doreen Berggren –Present

Parliamentarian – Brenda Ternullo – Present

Only present when required.

Historian – Debbi W. Molen – not required.

Patriotic Instructor – Stephanie Manchen – not required.

Sergeant at Arms – Susan Rowley – not required.

Newsletter – Sue Sanders – not required.

Standing rules – Diana Vance – not required

January Minutes:

Motion to approve January minutes: 1VP; Second motion: Treasurer; Discussion: request not to use check marks and just use present; Abstention: none; Voted: Motion Passed with corrections

Remarks from the President

NEB Representative: National 1VP nothing to report.

Dept of OH President: Currently working on fundraisers. Amend Ohio Application. 46 BD members

January Financial Report:

Motion to approve the January Financial Reports: Treasurer; Second motion: 1VP; Discussion: None; Abstention: none; Voted: Motion Passed. And ready for Quarterly Review

OLD BUSINESS

Status on Standing Rules: Pending; NEB will review at mid-year.

Fundraisers:

- Josephine Calenda Education Assistance Patches: sold on BD Store and Convention
- Bonfire T-shirts extended through March.
- Quilt fundraiser: Starter Squares sent; Finished Squares received by Liz Coyle.
Liz's Quilting group (Quilter's Legacy of Lakewood) are donating additional squares to complete quilts. 3 Quilts will be Raffling at Convention

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Count: 199

Discussion on how to increase membership.

1VP Email most chapters to gain membership. 122 emails were sent as per the 1VP.

Membership emails: OH1, OH2, OH9, OH15, OH22, OH26, OH32, OH57

Big Dipper 74th Anniversary was, established on November 7, 1951, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Proposed Activity at Fun Night: Decorate Squares at \$10.00 each during Fun Night which will be in the Silent Auction 2026. Limit Cost for project is \$400.00.

First motion: 1VP; Second motion: Treasurer; Discussion: discussion on activity. Abstention: None; Voted; Motion Passed.

Music and entertainment \$500: Motion made by Treasurer have DJ for entertainment at 2025 convention; Second motion: 1VP; Discussion: None; Abstention: None; Voted: Motion passed.

Popcorn machine \$100; Motion was made to use popcorn machine at Fun Night (\$100): 1VP; Second motion: Treasurer; Discussion: None; Abstention: None; Voted: Motion Passed

Bar inside room \$200; Motion was made to have a bar inside the room for \$200: 1VP; Second motion: Recording Secretary; Discussion: some; Abstention: None; Voted: Motion Passed

Purchase Pins; Motion was made to purchase pins by Treasurer; Second motion: PNPBP; Voted: Motion Passed

In-Kind Donation: Bradshaw Mountain Promotions wants to donate and create voting paddles. No vote completed in the meeting.

Yearbook Ad: Thanks, the NEB for their support; motion made to place an ad in the yearbook by Big Dipper PNP; Second motion: Big Dipper PNP; Voted: Motion Passed

Next BD Board meeting March 10, 2025, 8pm EST

Adjourned: Time 9:22 PM EST

Respectfully Submitted by
Mylessia Quillen
National Big Dipper Recording Secretary