



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: February 22, 2011

Call to order: The February 22, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:45pm MST, President Wendy Hoffman presiding, and Kathryn Hood, Secretary. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance: National President Wendy Hoffman, 1st Vice President Julie Roberts, 2nd Vice President Joretta Pickard, 4th Vice President, Lori Danby, Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Treasurer Robin Countryman-Valk, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood, Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Pres. Dept. of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept. of OH Pat Pell, Pres., Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Karen Stevens, PNP Susan Naill, PNP Joyce Sanford

Excused: 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, PNP Jean Burlingame, PNP Joyce Fulford, PNP, Dorothy Mendoskin

Opening Ceremonies:

Prayer – Karen Stevens

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Pat Pell

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Wendy Hoffman

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 minutes.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – Anne Parker/Robin Countryman-Valk (Submitted).

MOTION: To approve the financial report for audit.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

First VP – Julie Roberts – (Submitted).

Third VP – Judy Dorsey – (Submitted).

Fourth VP – Lori Danby – (Submitted).

Enter Executive Session – 6:52pm MST



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Unfinished Business

Discussion on steps to be taken regarding an OK chapter and funds which were in discrepancy. A motion passed with one abstained.

Discussion on the qualifications needed for prospective committee members who would be reviewing the letters of complaints and concerns which have been received from members. Suggested committee members were named. A motion passed with one abstained.

Wendy Hoffman reviewed the advice she received from our Pro Bono legal counsel regarding letters going out to the membership. A motion was passed with one abstained.

New Business

Discussion and resolution regarding a membership application. The motion to decline membership was passed.

Discussion regarding what action to take towards members who publically speak out against the organization or officers and members based upon the Code of Conduct. A motion to proceed with disciplinarian action passed with one opposed.

Discussion on National Observance of Iraq Liberation Days, invitations and planning committee. A motion was passed.

A motion for reimbursement to a Gold Star event was passed.

Exit executive session: 9:08pm MST

Compliance – The 2 week notification has been sent and those Chapters were told if they did not submit the required documentation their Charter would be revoked. 3 Chapters will be getting letters of revocation: MI 185, NM6, TX8

Cindy Hood closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm MST

1ST REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011

Number of **online** new members from January 1, 2011 to January 31, 2011: **187** new members and new associates.

Online Active Profiles: **10,375**

Online Member Profiles: **5,467**

Online Associates Profiles: **2,520**

Input all applications received from our Financial Secretary into the database as received.

Have successfully moved all members/associates out of (n/a) into other chapters and/or archived their profiles per their request.

Moving of members/associates from the following chapters that have either been disbanded or revoked: KS133, IN2, PA22, IN7, IN4, TX10, CA3, and NJ2.

Successfully opened up the following NEW Chapters: VT1, CA1, and CA30.

Continue to work with chapters that have not elected all 5 needed positions to keep in compliance with the governing documents (i.e., giving them deadlines to elect, etc.)

Continue to work with chapters on issues relating to their annual reports.

Continue to update Master Compliance Spreadsheet.

Continue to update Chapter Officers Roster Spreadsheet.

FEBRUARY REPORT FOR 3rd VP 2011

Number of fallen 14

Afgh: 8

Iraq: 2

Stateside: 3

Asia: 1

Banners requested: 8

Older request: 5

Total request 13

Respectfully,

Judy Dorsey

National 3rd Vice President

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

New Chapters

CA27 – Rolling Hills Blue Star Moms

President is Pamela Woodward. Her phone number is 916.817.4596 and email address is woodward.p@sbcglobal.net. They meet the second Sunday of the month at the Folsom VFW, 1300 Veterans Way, Folsom, CA. The chapter is serving Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Shingle Springs, Cameron Park, Rancho Cordova, and Placerville.

Chapters – Pending

CA29 – Received Request to Charter from Susan Mallett-Rodgers in Anaheim California.

CA31 – Received Request to Charter from Janet Harrison in Lompoc California.

CA32 – Received Request to Charter from Aurora Schopper in Yucaipa California

IN10 – Hoosier Heartland Blue Star Mothers – President is Renee Elson. Her phone number is 765.419.1190 and email is relson1968@yahoo.com. They meet the second Monday of the month at Masonic Lodge Bldg, 617 E Payton Street, Greentown, IN 46936. They serve central-eastern Indiana. **Waiting on Affiliation Agreement and returned check for second signature.**

IN11 – Received Request to Charter from Christine Craig in Greendale Indiana.

MI - Received Request to Charter from Deborah Rasmussen from Sheridan MI, missing ½ of the documents to charter.

MO03 – Received Request to Charter from Jauhn Nash in Warrensburg MI

MN16 – Received Request to Charter from Vickie Anderson in Mound MN

NC13 – President is Tammy Horne. Her phone number is 336.498.2263 and email address is home14@northstate.net. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Tammy's home at 2576 Songbird Lane, Sophia, NC. They serve Randolph, Davidson and Montgomery Counties. **They are missing the 2010-2011 Affiliation Agreement, state registration, and fees for charter and membership.**

NY08 – President is Susan Louis. Her phone number is 585.576.5322 and email address is seabeemom2003@gmail.com. They meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Veterans Outreach Center, 459 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620. They serve Rochester NY and Monroe County. **Chapter to be installed as soon as we can get it scheduled.**

PA11 – Received Request to Charter from Gloria Witt in Coatesville, Pennsylvania

WA04 – Request Request to Charter from Lorie Ames in Ellensburg, Washington.