

American Legion Auxiliary  
 Department Executive Board Post-Convention Meeting Minutes  
 Hotel Elegante – Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 June 27, 2021 @ 9:55am

<b>President will call to order</b>	President Theresa Brandt has called the Post Convention Executive Board meeting to order. She announced that Donna Thompson is absent due to illness and that Judy Sadler will be the Convention Parliamentarian. The secretary was present. Chaplain Donna Rae Smith offered the prayer.
<b>Roll Call</b>	The next business in order will be roll call. Secretary, Terry Rose Lena took the roll call. The following were in attendance: NEC Laurie Kuntz, President Theresa Brandt, President Elect Tina Cooper, Vice President Bettina Kossow, Chaplain Donna Rae Smith, Parliamentarian Judy Sadler. Historian, Nancy Diefenderfer, most recent past Department President; Tracy Trujillo. Absent from Executive Board: Sergeant-at-Arms Catherine Barger. DEC's in attendance District 3 – Betty Pickett, District 4 – Susie Bozella, District 5 – Janelle Mendelson, District 6 – Nancy Shannon, District 7 – Jackie Bowen, District 8 – Pat Steranka, District 11 – Debra Jackson, District 14 – Sharon Nerson. The following Past Department Presidents were in attendance: Chris Harvey, Pat Steranka, Susie Bozella, Evelyn Espinola, Ann Ritacco, Laurie Kuntz, and Tracy Trujillo.
<b>Minutes Approval Committee</b>	President Brandt stated, without objection, Donna Rae Smith, Bettina Kossow, and Janelle Mendelson were appointed to the minute's approval committee.
<b>Nominations for the two DEC to the at large position of the Executive Board</b>	The next business in order will be the nominations of two DEC to the at large position of the Executive Board. Chris Harvey nominated Janelle Mendelson and Jackie Bowen. There were no further nominations.

	President Brandt declares Janelle Mendelson and Jackie Bowen at large members of the DEC
<b>Ratification of the Committee Appointments</b>	The next business in order is the ratification of the committee chairman appointments. Copies of the appointments were distributed. There were no questions. However, there were a few changes. All was noted by secretary and will be updated before the directory is printed. Chris Harvey made a motion to accept and ratify these appointments with corrections and Jackie Bowen seconded it.
<b>Retain Secretary</b>	DEC asked Secretary Terry Rose Lena to stay on in her position. All were in favor.
<b>Budget</b>	<p>The next order of business will be the approval of the proposed 2021-2022 budget. Chairman Donna Rae Smith will present the proposed budget. Donna had stated copies of this proposed budget are being distributed by Janelle Mendelson. Donna first discussed Girls State comparing from 2019 because there was no Girls State in 2020. Right now, Girls State is in good shape and can hold on one more year but without Daniels Fund, we will not know what will happen after that. She stated that it was discussed for next year if there are units that cannot afford to send a girl to get in touch with Department who can assist in finding units who are more financially capable. There will be two additional items added to Girls State. One will be a zoom account and a domain charge. Chris Harvey moved to accept the Girls State Budget. Deb Jackson seconded it. All were in favor; the Girls State Budget was adopted.</p> <p>Donna went on to discuss the general budget. There are checks that were written in June that will be coming out in July. She went over a few line items. She discussed how membership is the department's only income. They had brought the numbers down conservatively but stresses the importance of dues. We need long term future fundraising. There was a discussion that there was no line-item budget for the National Convention. Janelle had stated, it will</p>

	be put in. Jackie Bowen made a motion to accept the budget with addition of the National Convention. Deb Jackson seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. The budget was adopted with the addition of the National Convention line item.
<b>Announcements</b>	President Brandt announced her theme “Keep our hearts on the tasks at hand”. Her project is Crawford House. Department membership theme is “Soaring to new heights”. Fall conference schedule will be available soon. Mid-Year Conference in January with a Rosie the Riveter theme. She has pins for sale. If you have 2022 memberships, please turn them in to the Secretary.
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Terry Rose Lena  
Department Secretary Treasurer

Date signed

*Terry Rose Lena*

7/15/2021

**Minute’s approval names and dates of approval**

*Donna Rae Smith*

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Date signed

*Bettina C. Kossow*

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Date signed

*Janelle Mendelson*

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