

San Diego North County Blue Star Mothers
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Chapter CA9

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CEB Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Call To Order: 6:25pm by President

Pledge of Allegiance: led by 3VP

BSM Preamble: led by Treasurer

Role Call of Officers: led by Recording Secretary

President – Doreen Berggren – **Present**

1VP – Jennie McFarling – **Present**

2VP – Carol Sanchez – **Present**

3VP – Elle Isaac – **Present**

Recording Secretary – Shannon Kennedy – **Present**

Financial Secretary – Merri Furler – **Present**

Treasurer – Ivette Razo – **Present**

Chaplain – Michelle Barnett – **Absent (excused)**

Members: Ivana Trecroce – **Present**

Approval of Minutes: Recording Secretary

MOTION to approve minutes of last month's meeting by Recording Secretary.

2d – Elle Isaac

Discussion – need to add in the minutes a line stating these individuals were elected to said offices. Also add the motion made by the Treasurer that if only one person is running for an office, the vote is done by hand, not ballot.

Call for Vote: Motion passes with 1 abstention and no opposed.

Discussion: 2VP and President will meet next month and discuss the newsletter – how often it needs to go out

Officer Reports: All reports were sent out by officers and read prior to this board meeting.

3VP- Carol Sanchez –

Read the names of the fallen and led a moment of silence.

Treasurer- Ivette Razo –

Stated we received a receipt today from the Home and Garden show Per 1VP ignore the receipt.

We have a desire to donate to a non-profit that trains service dogs for Veterans – We would like to add to our budget – so any information on a local group that does this would be appreciated.

1VP- Jennie McFarling spoke about the formation of a Sunshine Fund. A sunshine fund is a fund that gathers money for the purpose of usage for our members, in case we need to send flowers due to a death in the family or an illness. Our BSM funds can only be used for our mission the sunshine fund is for our sisters. Our President appointed our 2VP and our Recording Secretary to be in charge of the Sunshine Fund and they accepted.

3VP- Elle Isaac – discussed the fliers and graphics she developed in order to market our Blue Star Mothers Chapter in the hopes of increasing our membership. Looking for community walls to hang the fliers. Where we can place ads in free publications. The Treasurer stated we have a small provincial budget for advertising.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed budget. The proposed budget was sent to the board prior to the meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the 22-23 proposed budget to present to the chapter at the next chapter meeting. By 1VP.

2d – by Treasurer.

There was no further discussion.

Call for vote – The motion passes with 1 abstention and no opposed.

There was discussion on how much info should be shared with the chapter and the entire board agrees that everything should be shared with the chapter. We need to be transparent for the good of our organization and the health of our chapter.

Financial Secretary led discussion on Community Outreach – there are several upcoming festivals to participate in. Del Mar is a free outdoor festival and is two days October 29-30. The Village Fair is November 6 from 8-4.

Financial Secretary would also like to know if the non-profit group, Vietnam Veterans of America could share a booth with us at festivals. This would enable us to participate in more festivals. Share the cost. We all agreed to share the booth.

Treasurer reported there are no bills to be paid.

Unfinished Business: Compliance - Financial Secretary will bring the year end bank statement, profit and loss and balance sheet to our chapter meeting on Saturday.

Honor Flight for Vietnam – Sea Wolves – October 2.

Discussion – Speakers - President would like to bring in a speaker from Mount Soledad for our next meeting.

She would also like to have our Financial Secretary's husband come to speak to the chapter about the Vietnam Veterans of America Group at a future meeting.

1VP stated she sees our membership growing in the next few months. We need to increase our membership.

2VP will work on our Community Facebook Page, she will also get info to the American Legion for them to like our page and get our message out to the masses.

President is going to Ohio for their Convention.

JRROTC – there are 30 high schools in San Diego and Riverside Counties.

2VP inquired about Gold Star Mother's Day – but there is no local Gold Star Mother Chapter.

Good of the Chapter: Will invite our chapter mentor to our chapter meetings.

Our next Board Meeting is on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: 8:05pm