

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

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**Chapter Meeting – October 8, 2022**

**Call To Order:** 9:32am by President

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Chaplain

**Blue Star Mother Preamble:** led by Chaplain

**Roll Call of Officers:** led by Recording Secretary

President – Doreen Berggren – **Present**

1VP – Jennie McFarling – **Present**

2VP – Carol Sanchez – **Absent (excused)**

3VP – Elle Isaac – **Present**

Recording Secretary – Shannon Kennedy – **Present**

Financial Secretary – Merri Furler – **Present**

Treasurer – Ivette Razo – **Present**

Chaplain – Michelle Barnett – **Present**

Historian – Joni Cox – **Present**

These minutes were sent out prior to this meeting with the agenda

MOTION to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected by 1VP

2d by Tahirih Post

No Discussion.

Call To Vote – Motion Passes with 0 Abstentions and 0 Opposed.

**Opening Prayer:** led by Chaplain

## **Officer and Committee Reports:**

These reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Is there anything to add to the reports?

**President** – Doreen Berggren – nothing to add

**1VP** – Jennie McFarling - 1VP has asked the National 1VP for a current roster for our chapter. We now have 15 current members. We are scheduled for a booth at the Home and Garden Show in Del Mar on October 29 and 30.

1VP is doing a report to National on the grant we received.

We possibly have two new members in November

**2VP** – Carol Sanchez – in 2VP's absence our President reported that our 2VP was asked by our National President to be her escort at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Financial Secretary** – Merri Furler

An Amazon Smile donation of \$17.62 was automatically deposited into our checking account.

**Treasurer** - Ivette Razo –

Checking - \$3313.81

Money Market - \$29,872.20

Paid to Go Daddy - \$333.76

Paid for Chapstick - \$254.24

VSO Letters with checks were sent out

- Courage To Call - \$500
- Foundation for Women Warriors - \$500
- Homes for our Troops - \$2500
- Honor Flight San Diego - \$500
- Stand Down North County - \$125
- Stand Down San Diego - \$125
- Vets 4 Warriors - \$500
- Big Dipper - \$100

**3VP** – Elle Isaac –

Blue to Gold –

Read names of the Fallen

**Moment of Silence for the fallen:** led by 3VP

DISCUSSION: Applebee Fundraiser on October 19 All day we get 25% of the checks of people that go in with our flier

San Diego Home and Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds October 29-30

1VP got us a free booth

**Adjournment for Speaker:** 10:29am

We welcomed our speaker: Neil O'Connell from Mt Soledad National Veteran's Memorial in San Diego, California

**Reconvene:** 11:13am

President recognized Juan Furler and presented him a pin for being a Blue Star Dad the pin was given to his wife Merri Furler.

President also recognized Peter Berggren as a Blue Star Dad, our VAVS Rep and our awesome webmaster.

DISCUSSION: We had a discussion on whether we can take donations on our website. We need a PayPal link. Can we put it on our website by Monday? Is it possible to use the platform GiveSendGo to receive money? There is no fee.

3VP made fliers for Blue Star Moms, Blue Star Dads, Stepmoms and Grandparents. She dropped them off at two locations.

MOTION: was made to not have a traditional meeting in December and have a social event instead. By 1VP

2d by Tahirih Post

Discussion – We should meet at a restaurant and do a white elephant exchange

Tahirih Post will plan the event.

Call for a Vote – Motion Passes with No Abstentions and No Opposed.

MOTION: To purchase a scanner for the Treasurer not to exceed \$125

by 1VP

2d by Tahirih Post

Discussion – Is this a printer/scanner combo? No just a scanner.

Call for a vote – Motion passes with No Abstentions and No Opposed.

**Adjournment:** 11:29pm by President