

**San Diego North County Blue Star Mothers, Chapter CA9**

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**Chapter Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2023**

**Call To Order:** 9:02am

President

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by

Chaplain

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Recording Secretary

**President, Doreen Berggren – Present**

**1VP, Jennie McFarling – Present**

**2VP, Carol Sanchez – Absent, excused**

**3VP, Elle Isaac – Absent, excused**

**Recording Secretary, Shannon Kennedy – Present**

**Financial Secretary, Merri Furler - Present**

**Treasurer, Ivette Razo – Present**

**Members and Associates Present:**

Ivana Trecroce, member - **Present**

Joni Cox, associate - **Present**

Tahirih Post, member, hospitality - **Present**

**Approval of November 2022 Minutes:**

The November minutes were sent out prior to the meeting with the agenda. The November Minutes were part of the chapter minutes for this month only

MOTION: To approve the November Minutes with correction (change amount of money budgeted for convention to 5k) was made by the Financial Secretary.

2d: Ivana Trecroce

There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The November minutes have been approved with the correction.

**Officer Reports:** Officer reports were sent out prior to the meeting.

1VP stated to have 5 delegates for Convention, we would need 51 members.

Right now we have 19 members which equals 2 delegates.

1VP read 3VP's Blue to Gold report and held a moment of Silence for the fallen

Treasurer reported bank account balances

Checking: \$5829.41 \$300 is outstanding which leaves an available balance of \$5529.41

Money market: \$26,703.63

**Presentation and approval of new expenses and bills:** There were no new expenses or bills to be approved

**Old Business:**

**Project Roll Call** – a discussion was held and it was determined that our further action will be to monitor this website

**Purchase of 2 camping chairs** – Treasurer has reported that they have not been tabled until we

**Honor Cords** – Financial Secretary says it is never too soon to start communicating with the high school ROTC programs

1VP will contact Orange Glen high school and the Financial Secretary will contact San Marcos high school to see if they have any upcoming ROTC events that we could participate in.

**New Business:**

**Donation to Big Dipper Auxiliary** – Recording Secretary made a motion to make a donation to Big Dipper, however we need to research if we already sent our donation. This motion was tabled until we verify. We discussed themes, if you have any suggestions send them to our President

**Care Package Event in March** tabled until we determine a list of recipients and if we have items for the Care Packages

**Wreaths Across America** 2VP is our chapter's representative for Wreaths Across America, In her absence, our President asked who participated in Wreaths Across America this year. Our Recording Secretary reported that she, her mom and brother participated and went to three cemeteries to honor her grandfather, uncle, and father. They picked up the wreaths at Santa Ana Cemetery and then went to Good Shepherd Cemetery in Huntington Beach, California where they placed a wreath on her grandfather, Joseph Briggs' grave – US Navy and her Uncle, James Miller's grave – US Navy and they went to Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange, California where they placed a wreath on her father, Charles Goebel's grave – USMC.

**Grants:** Next September, we need to apply for the BSMA grant which is \$250.

Our Financial Secretary applied for three grants this year. 1VP sent a list of businesses who give grants to non-profits, we need someone to follow up on this and apply. It's an easy way to fundraise for our mission.

**Month of the Military Child is in April.** We need to think about what we can do to celebrate this month. Put on the agenda in February to decide at the holidays maybe adopt a military family and get them a Christmas tree.

April 16 – is Purple Up Day to support military kids where a purple outfit. Possibly we could wear purple to our April meeting.

### **Convention**

Convention is in Nashville, Tennessee for 2023

Hotel is \$140 per night and prices for airfare is fluctuating around \$650

**Adjournment:** 9:30am