



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

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Department Secretary

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

JUNE 6, 2020 – June Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama

The meeting was called to order by Department President Paulette Murray. The opening prayer was delivered by Department Chaplain Nancy Rathburn which was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary Germany called the roll of Council Members: All were present.

Mid-Winter Conf. Minutes: These minutes were sent via email to all members of the council. Germany moved, 2nd by Sherry Jiles to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Official communication: A thank you letter from Jane Reape was presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Howell requested that since the Treasurer's report had been sent out, that it be held for adoption until after the Audit report had been concluded. President Murray announced that the Treasurer's Report would be filed subject to audit.

Budget Update: The Budget committee Woerner, Rathburn & Vernor conducted the 4 month budget. Item "A" Attachment: (1) The Committee moved that the \$500.00 in the 19-20 Budget designated for the National President's Visit be reallocated to the National President's Special Project – motion carried. (2) The Committee moved that the balance of \$269.71 in the 19-20 Budget on the Legislative line and the \$77.60 left in the Orlando, FL trip for a total of \$347.31 be disbursed to the Dept President. (3) +\$92.89 Orlando Convention/- \$77.60 Negative balance in the Legislative Conf/ -\$38.71 Negative Bal in Mid-Year/Café Event/+\$26.63 Southern Conf/ +\$341.20 to be repaid for Reno Trip = \$1,703.21 to be held in a line item for the use of Paulette Murray when National President Peggy Haake can arrange for proper recognition and other duties for awards and activities which were carried out for the purposes that were called for in respect to Paulette Murray finishing her duties of Department President to conclude her year. This motion was moved by the committee.

After very much discussion-Janet Little called for the question. Motion carried. (4) The Budget Committee moved to create a new line in the 20-21 Budget for Jr. Past Dept. President in state travel.. Jr. Past Dept. President Murray will have travel within the state to handle ending her year. She has been unable to do these due to restrictions of COVID-19. The committee recommended to place in this line item the balance of instate travel from Murray's budget \$195.35 and the balance in the contingency fund of \$260.40 which would = \$455.78. after much discussion, Sherry Jiles called for the question. Motion carried.

4 Month Audit Report: Committee members Woerner, Vernor and Rathburn presented the audit. The committee presented the report and moved to accept the audit. Motion carried. The committee recommended holding quarterly audits because 6 months is to long to conduct an audit for an organization of this size. Motion was made by Donna Woerner, 2nd by Julie Vernor to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The dues increase that was discussed at Mid-Winter conference and tabled is still being discussed in auxiliaries and the committee said that it is not ready to be voted on at this time, so they said that it needs to be tabled again until further notice. Committee will remain the same.

New Business: Item "C " as listed in the proposal from Julie Vernor for the incoming budget. Standing Rules Section 6 (a) Add V.O.D. Legislative Conf. to the list of events to be disbursed for the President.(It should be understood that if funds are available she can put it in her budget. Moved by Julia Vernor, 2nd by Nancy Rathburn. Motion carried. Section 7 (e) Add ½ occupancy so it will read "Hotel Room ½ occupancy (receipt required). Following much discussion, Bunny Murray called for the question. Motion by Julia Vernor, 2nd by Nancy Rathburn. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: President Murray appointed the Credentials committee to make all the pertinent phone calls to individuals who will be casting the votes. After all phone calls were made, the President called for the outcome. Chestine Garner was named Judge and Gabel and Brunton were designated as Tellers. All line officers with the exception of Treasurer were elected by acclamation. Each District Presidents was handed the tabulation of her department's votes. When all votes were called out for the office of Department Treasurer total votes cast was Robin Green 138 and Heather Gowens 98 for a total of 231. By Majority vote Green won the election.

The SOI will be held in Birmingham at the Hilton Perimeter Hotel with Registration fee of \$25.00. Date is July 30-August 2, 2020.

Audits must be in no later than August 31, 2020. Auxiliary bonds must be paid between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020. After August 31, 2020 they will be delinquent.

The President announced that in 2024-25 the Department of Alabama will host the Southern Conference and Paulette Murray appointed herself as chairman with Kay Gedling as Co-Chairman, with Patsy Cole, Glenda Daniels and Chestine Garner as members.

The Chaplain offered the closing prayer

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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