



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA

June Convention – Birmingham, AL **Council of Administration Meeting – June 7, 2019**

The June Convention Council of Administration was opened by Department President, Nancy Connolly. Roll Call by Department Secretary Germany reflected that the following were absent: Dist. 4 President Mary Ann Dial, Dist. 6 President Tina Goodman.

Dep. Chaplain Kay Gedling led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion was made by Germany, 2nd by Donna Woerner to accept the minutes as printed and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Official and other communication: National President's letter, all national officer endorsements, Disaster relief donations, thank you letter from Tuskegee VA, thank you letter from National VFW for donation in memory of Jim Rathburn.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Dept. Treasurer Howell and was well received: President Connolly announced that the treasurer's report will be filed subject to audit.

Updated Budget: The updated budget was presented by the budget committee and any questions asked were answered. The committee moved to accept the budget report. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Report: The 4 month (Jan 2019 through April 2019) audit was presented by the committee. The committee moved to accept the 4 month audit report. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Unfinished Business: (1) To ratify the phone vote to make disaster relief donation for the tornado victims. Motion by Germany, 2nd by Howell to ratify the phone vote for the donation, Discussion: The donation was made and then returned for issuance correctness. Following much discussion, Motion by Germany, 2nd by Howell to amend the motion and then following some more discussion a motion was made by Germany, 2nd by Paulette Murray to withdraw the original motion and then Germany and Howell moved to withdraw their amendment. Motion carried unanimously. (2) Investment Fund: Treasurer Howell reported that the investment fund has been closed and the total funds of \$49,566.00 were placed in a bank in the treasurer's vicinity in a CD for 2.45% interest. (3) The general ledger column title "Unrestricted Charities" was discussed. Germany moved 2nd by Howell to change the name of the Unrestricted Charities column to Disaster Relief Fund. This fund would be used for acts of nature. Other donations would come from the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: President Connolly asked all first time attendees to stand and be recognized. SOI is coming on August 2-4 at this hotel. Everyone must make their own reservations and pay registration to Dept Treasurer Howell of \$25.00.

National Rep. Carla Martinez: President Connolly asked Martinez if she would like to make any comments. She thanked everyone for their kindness and attention and was looking forward to the rest of the week.

Secretary Sandy Germany: (1) The SOI agenda will be coming out ASAP. (2) Kathy Rowe moved that the money for the PDP luncheon be taken from the convention fund rather than being a Guard line item. The luncheon will remain the responsibility of the guard, 2nd by Donna Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Donna Howell: (1) There is only outstanding audit. (2) Please remember to get your vouchers turned in.

Presidents remarks: (1) We lost 1 auxiliary very recently #5106 Thomasville. They asked to surrender their charter. (2) We will have a new auxiliary in Alabaster, District 3 #12185 hopefully no later than 6-16-19. Application applied for with 23 members eligible.

New motion: It was moved by Donna Woerner, 2nd by Paulette Murray to amend the Standing Rules to read: "The flowers for the retiring Dept. President at National be of the President's Choice. Motion carried unanimously.

The Dept. Chaplain Kay Gedling offered the closing prayer.

There being no further business the next C of A will be held in Birmingham in August at the Dept. SOI.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Germany".

Sandy Germany
Department Secretary