

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
Spring Conference DEC Meeting  
Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta  
Duluth, GA**

**March 23, 2017**

President Miriam Stein called the Spring Conference Executive Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

President Stein asked for prayer by Chaplain Hall.

Roll call was given by Secretary Hawkins. Department Officers present were President Stein, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lawrence, Historian Brown-Debro, Chaplain Hall, NEC Scott and Secretary Hawkins. District Presidents present were 1<sup>st</sup> Sabrina Putney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deanna Nicholson (filling in for Dosha Bentley), 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Richards, 4<sup>th</sup> Peggi Payton, 5<sup>th</sup> Marie Dennis, 6<sup>th</sup> Angela Alexander, 7<sup>th</sup> Dot Frazier, 8<sup>th</sup> Kristen Sloan (filling in for Jo Mason), 9<sup>th</sup> Gail Ramey (filling in for Phyllis Singleton), 10<sup>th</sup> June Moore, 11<sup>th</sup> Patricia Taylor and 12<sup>th</sup> Pat Morgan. PDP present were Tillie Davis, Deedy Harrell, Linda Brock, Joann Meadows, Bettye D. Williams, Lola Harper, Susie Mash, Gabriele Barnett and Rosa Scott. PDP absent were Sara Mitcham, Emily Kline, Betty Turner, Lula Smith-Rachels, Mary Jo Childers, Janet Clotfelter, Joanne Wilson, Hazele Hutcherson, Juanita Todd, Kay Kelly, Betty Turley, Dot Thornton, Gloria Johnston, Betty Grist. Secretary Hawkins declared a quorum was present.

President Stein stated the minutes from the Fall Dec had been circulated. She asked if there were any correction. No corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as circularized.

President Stein called upon Finance Chairman Valerie Brown-Debro for presentation of the 2016-2017 Finance Report. She went over the review of the Financial Record from Nov 2016- Feb 2017. Finance Chairman Debro stated they had reviewed the Audit Committee recommendations and motions from the DEC Fall Meeting. The Recommendations passed have been or are being set in place.

Finance Chairman Debro states that while going through the documentations, they notice areas where a few recommendations (attached Finance recommendations) should be made.

Recommendation: Past President Pin – nothing is stated in the standing rules regarding the Past President pins.

Incoming President pins has no cap on number that can be purchased - Recommendation set a cap of 700 pins. Anita Owens made a motion “the Department will order 700 pins to sell and the president can order additional pins that she will pay for herself”. Motion seconded and adopted.

Incoming President Shirts – there is nothing in writing on how much we spend. Recommendation – Set a cap of \$1500. Deedy Harrell made a motion – That there is no cap of \$1500 on shirts for the incoming president to sell during their year. Let the Officers use their own discretion. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Outgoing President Pin – Nothing is stated in standing rules regarding Past President Pin cost. Motion made by Susie Mash to get the PDP a pin unless she declines it. It is to be added to the Standing Rules that the Department will purchase the PDP pin unless the outgoing President declines the pin.

Amendment motion made by Gail Ramey - The outgoing President should have the option to choose what she would like in lieu of a PDP pin, not to exceed the cost of the PDP pin. Motion was seconded but failed.

Recommendation - Make grab bags of left over T-shirts, pins and Book of Reports from PDP and set the fee \$5- \$10 each bag and funds will go into the department general funds. Susie Mash made a motion - to do the grab bags at the department convention in our meeting room. Motion passed.

President Stein asked if there was any Unfinished Business. There was not any.

President Stein called for any New Business.

PDP Susie Mash resigned as Human Resources Chairman. PDP Tillie Davis made a motion to let the President make a recommendation at the next meeting. Motion seconded and approved.

President Stein said there is an opening on the Strategic Planning Committee and she would like consent for Marilyn Watson to fill the slot. Consent was approved.

President Stein asked Secretary Hawkins for any announcements.

President Stein asked for Chaplain Hall for the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Hawkins, Secretary