

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
National Executive Board
Minutes
Post-Convention Meeting
Meeting Date: 8/4/2012

Call to Order: The 8/4/2012 post-convention board meeting of the BSMA was held by face-to-face meeting. The meeting convened at 3:02pm (EDT), President Pat Soler presiding and Charilyn Damigo, Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance:

President Pat Soler	Dept of MI Pres Kristine Wirgau
1 st Vice President Judy Dorsey	PNP Robin Barnes McCarthy
2 nd Vice President Cyndi Ventura	PNP Karen Stevens
3 rd Vice President Teresa Bullock	
4 th Vice Presiden (vacant)	
Recording Secretary Charilyn Damigo	
Financial Secretary Kathryn Venable	
Treasurer Anne Parker	

Also Attending:

Lin McGee
Rose Ann Elliott
Julie Roberts

Absent: none

Excused: Dept of OH Pres Pat Pell
Dept of MN Pres Jean Duane

Roll Call of Officers -- (Charilyn Damigo)
Prayer -- (Pat Soler)
Pledge of Allegiance -- (Charilyn Damigo)
Blue Star Mothers Preamble -- (Robin Barnes McCarthy)

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

- MOTION: Recommendation that the Pre-Convention Minutes from the 8/1/2012 meeting be accepted and posted to the website. Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

New Business

NEB Directory

- A list was passed around to obtain current contact information from all the new officers
- Recording Secretary will update the NEB Directory for distribution ASAP

NP Challenge

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- “United We Stand” is a good motto to remember
- Need for clear communication and open dialogue between all NEB members.
- NP Pat like to play “Devil’s Advocate” and is open to all discussion about a matter
- Once a decision has been reached by the NEB we all need to stand together regardless of our personal opinion.

Officer Roles

- Officer Reports should be received at least 24 hours in advance of scheduled NEB meetings
- Inventory of items received by each officer should be sent to Recording Secretary (Charilyn Damigo) as soon as possible.
- Judy Dorsey will work with Janet Broussard by phone to transition membership requests
- Cyndi Ventura will start working on newsletter templates and ideas.
- Decision needs to be made by NEB to fill 4th VP position. Rose Ann Elliott is willing to continue as Pro-Tem until an appointment is made; is unsure about whether she would be willing to accept the position if it is offered to her.
- Recording Secretary to issue Press Release to VSO organizations, prepare new letterhead, notify Bank of America, and file change of address forms.
- Janet Broussard’s debit card was given to Rec. Sec. Charilyn Damigo when she left the Convention as Treas. Julie Roberts was at the hospital. It was put in a sealed envelope & given to Julie the next morning.
- Old Laptops can be cleaned, files backed up, and destroyed per previous NEB decision (approx. 3 years ago)
- Fin. Sec. to maintain 25 copies of old yearbooks; others can be donated to older members, Library of Congress, etc.
- Affiliation Agreement signed by new officers, will be posted to website when a new email address has been established.

Closed Executive Session (4:20pm – 5:05pm), (5:15pm – 5:28pm)

Announcements Next meeting – 8/14/2012, 5:00pm (PDT)

Adjournment The president adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm (EDT)