AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

DEPT OF NY CONVENTION 2024

MEETING MINUTES

**FRIDAY JUNE 7TH 2024**

JOINT OPENING SESSION HELD AT 9AM

CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER BY PDP MARY LANPHERE

INTRODUCTION OF PDPs. PRESENT: MARY LANPHERE 2007-08, ROSALEE WAID 2011-12, SHIRLEY SOCHIA 2013-14, GLORIA MORCK 2014-15, LAURA ROSE BUGAJ 2017-18, DONNA SMITH 2018-19, CINDY QUEYOR 2021-22, SUSAN GARDNER 2022-23

INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, LINDA “CHICKIE” GEORGE

INVOCATION GIVEN BY DEPT CHAPLAIN MARY GILBERT

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY SGT AT ARMS JOSEPHINE PEARL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY SGT AT ARMS JOSEPHINE PEARL

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS BY PRESIDENT GEORGE. PRESENT WERE PNP CAROL KING, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LADIES AUXILIARY PDP MARY LANPHERE, NATIONAL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT. PDP LAURA ROSE BUGAJ, NATIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT. LAURIE SHEA, NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

PREAMBLE RECITED BY DEPT 1ST VP DEBI FEARY

CODE OF ETHICS READ BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ

AIMS AND PURPOSES READ BY DEPT 2ND VP JANELL ASHMAN

DEFINITION OF AMERICANISM BY PDP ROSALEE WAID

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: ALL PRESIDENT WITH EXCEPTION OF PDP CANDACE CLEMENS (VAVS BATH), EXCUSED

ROLL CALL OF LOCAL AUXILIARIES: PRESENT, #4, #8, #14, #18, #72, #245, #262, #265, #282, #726, #897, #1174, #1997, #2000

INTRODUCTION OF 1ST TIME ATTENDEES: SHERRY LADROSSE (AUX4), TAMMY DUNN (AUX245)

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READING OF CONVENTION RULES BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ

CREDENTIALS REPORT GIVEN BY DEPT 1ST VP DEBI FEARY

APPT OF TIMEKEEPER BY DEPT PRESIDENT GEORGE – CHERYL LILLEY (897)

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA BY JESSICA WINSTEL, 2ND BY TINA ROBERT. MOTION MADE TO AMEND AGENDA TO MATCH CONVENTION RULES BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ (DEPT PARL), 2ND BY DEPT 2ND VP JANELL ASHMAN. M/C

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:**

OFFICE NOMINATION BY 2ND

PRESIDENT DEBI FEARY ASHLEY KUBIAK JESSICA WINSTEL

1ST VP JANELL ASHMAN THERESA HARRISON CINDY QUEYOR

2ND VP VIKKI KEECH CHRIS TAMBURLIN TINA ROBERT

3RD VP JOSEPHINE PEARL GLORIA MORCK BARB CHAPMAN

TINA ROBERT SHIRLEY SOCHIA MARY ROBERT

TREASURER SHARON HEINEMANN LAURA BUGAJ ASHLEY KUBIAK

SGT AT ARMS DAWN FLAVIN DONNA SMITH MARIA PELLETIER

CHAPLAIN DORIS ALLEN CINDY QUEYOR JANELL ASHMAN

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT- LINDA “CHICKIE “ GEORGE- THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE’S GREAT WORK AND FOR ATTENDING THIS YEAR’S CONVENTION. THANK YOU FOR THE AUXILIAIRES SUPPORT.

1ST VP- DEBI FEARY- “BE THE SUNSHINE THAT MAKES YOUR AUXILIARY GROW”. EVERYONE DID A WONDERFUL JOB RECRUITING AND RETAINING MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING THAT SUNSHINE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING AS 1ST VP.

2ND VP- JANELL ASHMAN. THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL WORK FOR CHILD WELFARE. AS A REMINDER, AFTER MAY 1ST, EVALUATIONS HAS BEEN INCREASED. 30.00/HR INSTEAD OF 20.00, AND MILEAGE HAS INCREASED TO .65/MILE

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TREASURER REPORT- PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. \*\*MOTION TO DONATE 1,000.00 TO DEPT COMMANDERS PROJECT BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA, 2ND BY PDP DONNA SMITH. M/C \*\*\*MOTION BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA TO DONATE 1,000.00 TO THE SONS COMMANDER’S PROJECT (HOMEWARD BOUND OF THE ADIRONDACKS). 2ND BY TINA ROBERTS. M/C \*\*\*MOTION BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA TO DONATE 2,000.00 TO DEPT PRESIDENT’S PROJECT, 2ND BY PDP MARY LANPHERE. M/C \*\*\*MOTION BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA TO ACCEPT TREASURER REPORT AS READ, 2ND BY PDP DONNA SMITH, M/C

SECRETARY/CONV CHAIR REPORT- THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT JOB OF PROPERLY MAKING OUT CHECKS THIS YEAR. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS TO FORMS. MEMBERSHIPS SENT TO DEPT SECRETARY AFTER JUNE 30TH WONT BE SENT TO NATIONAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER, DUE TO NATIONAL NOT PROCESSING THEM DUE TO UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTION. NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE FALL SEC. DUE TO ME POSSIBLY MOVING UP IN THE CHAIRS AT NATIONAL, THIS COMING YEAR WILL BE MY LAST YEAR FOR SECRETARY AND CONVENTION CHAIR. ANYONE POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME BY EMAIL. I WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THOSE INTERESTED THIS YEAR. SINCE THESE ARE APPOINTED POSITIONS BY MADAM PRESIDENT, I WILL PASS YOUR INTEREST ONTO THE OFFICERS MOVING UP IN THE CHAIRS.

PARLIAMENTARIAN- PDP LAURA BUGAJ. RESOLUTIONS READ, VOTED ON NEXT DAY. MAKE THE SECRETARY POSITION INTO 2 POSITIONS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND RECORDING SECRETARY, WITH A 2 YR TERM, EACH POSITION OPPOSITE YEARS. MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ TO PAY FOR ANY DELEGATES REGISTRATION ATTENDING NATIONAL, MUST HAVE PAPER VERIFICATION. 2ND BY DEBI FEARY, M/C \*\*\*\* MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ TO PAY FOR FULL PAGE COLOR AD FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOK, FOR EACH CANDIDATE. 2ND BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA. M/C \*\*\*\*\*

3RD VP VIKKI KEECH- THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR WORK IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHAPLAIN/SCHOLARSHIP- MARY GILBERT. THANKED EVERYONE FOR SUBMITTING REPORTS, AND TO THOSE WHO GUIDED HER THROUGH THIS YEAR. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON.

AMERICANISM- PDP ROSALEE WAID- THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR WORK FOR AMERICANISM. AMVETS AMERICANISM FLAG, POSTER, ESSAY WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT AWARDS PROGRAM.

NEC- PDP DONNA SMITH. COMMENDED MADAM PRESIDENT CHICKIE GEORGE FOR HER COMMITMENT AND GREAT SKILL AS DEPT PRESIDENT. THANK YOU TO THE AUXILIARIES AND DEPT OFFICERS FOR BRINGING OUR AMVETS AUXILIARY TO A POSITION OF

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STRENGTH AND OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE. THE DEPT OD NEW YORK ANNOUNCES 3 CANDIDATES THAT ARE RUNNING FOR NATIONAL OFFICES. PDP MARY LANPHERE FOR NATIONAL 1ST VICE, PDP LAURA BUGAJ IS RUNNING FOR NATIONAL 2ND VICE, AND PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA IS RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

JANELL ASHMAN GAVE NEC REPORT FROM MARCH. SPOKE ABOUT **LAW,** (LEGISLATIVE ACTION WEEK). GAVE MUCH PRAISE FOR THE WORK AMVETS SON, GARY PELLETIER FOR HIS INTENSE WORK SETTING UP MEETINGS ON CAPITAL HILL. ENCOURAGED ALL TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH THESE MEETINGS WITH OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF OUR VETERANS.

HOSPITAL-MICHELLE HAYES. THANK YOU TO ALL AUXILIARIES FOR THEIR WORK AND SUBMITTING SERVICE REPORTS ON TIME.

VAVS REPORTS- BATH VAMC MICHELLE HAYES READ PDP CANDACE CLEMEN’S REPORT

NORTHPORT- JOSEPHINE PEARL

BATAVIA- JESSICA WINSTEL

PRO- DAWN FLAVIN. THANK YOU TO VIKKI & DARRIN KEECH, DENISE & MARTY BUGAJ, DAVE & DEBI FEARY & ASHLEY KUBIAK FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. THANK YOU TO HAL AND CINDY QUEYOR, DONNA SMITH & POST 8 FOR THE WONDERFUL BANQUET HELD IN MADAM CHICKIE’S HONOR.

**SATURDAY JUNE 8TH, 2024**

9AM- CONVENTION RECONVENED

MTG CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT GEORGE

INVOCATION BY CHAPLAIN GILBERT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY SGT AT ARMS PEARL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY SEC PDP LANPHERE

ROLL CALL OF AUXILIARIES:PRESENT: #1, #4, #8, #14, #18, #72, #245, #262, #265, #282, #726, #897, #1174, #1997, #2000, #6472

PDC DAVE FEARY ADDRESSED THE AUXILIARY ABOUT DRAFTING A LETTER TO NATIONAL SERVICE FOUNDATION IN REGARDS TO THE AMVETS THRIFT STORES, AND REIMBURSEMENT TO DEPT OF NY. PDC FEARY ASKED FOR AUXILIARY’S SUPPORT. MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ TO SUPPORT THE ENDEAVOR, 2ND BY PDP MARY LANPHERE. M/C

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TIMEKEEPER- JESSICA WINSTEL

WELCOME BY MADAM PRESIDENT TO FIRST TIME ATTENDEES: TAMMY DUNN (AUX 245), NICKI SKINNER (AUX 6472), SHANNON BUTCHER (AUX 6472), JENNA PAGE (AUX 4)

PNP CAROL KING ADDRESSED MEMBERSHIP. ENCOURAGED LOCALS AND DEPT TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL AWARDS. ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION. THIS HELPS WITH NUMBER OF CONVENTION BOOKS NEEDED, AND A SMALL GIFT WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PRE-REGISTER.

**CREDENTIALING REPORT BY 1ST VP DEBI FEARY**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**NOMINATIONS: NO ADDITIONAL FROM PREVIOUS DAY**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**PRESIDENT DEBI FEARY (AUX14) BY AFFIRMATION**

**1ST VP JANELL ASHMAN (AUX897) BY AFFIRMATION**

**2ND VP VIKKI KEECH (AUX 1)**

**3RD VP JOSEPHINE PEARL (AUX 18) BY AFFIRMATION**

**TREASURER SHARON HEINEMANN (AUX 14) BY AFFIRMATION**

**SGT AT ARMS DAWN FLAVIN (AUX 8) BY AFFIRMATION**

**CHAPLAIN DORIS ALLEN (AUX 8) BY AFFIRMATION**

PARLIAMENTARIAN- PDP LAURA BUGAJ. RESOLUTIONS REREAD.

BY LAWS: RESOLUTION #1

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2

MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ, 2ND BY PDP DONNA SMITH M/C

RESOLUTION #2

SECTION #1 CHANGE ARTICLE 3

MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ, 2ND BY JANELL ASHMAN M/C

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RESOLUTION #3

ARTICLE 3, SECTION 4

MOTION BY PDP LAURA BUGAJ, 2ND BY ROSALEE WAID M/C

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA MOTION TO PAY BILLS, 2ND BY PDP DONNA SMITH M/C

MOTION BY JANELL ASHMAN TO DONATE 500.00 TO THE HOSPITALITY ROOM, 2ND BY TINA ROBERT. M/C

HAT RAFFLE- JOYCE TURNER REPORTS MAKING 940.00. WINNERS TO BE PICKED AT PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON.

BASKET RAFFLE- CHRIS TAMBURLIN REPORTS MAKING 1500.00

LOTTERY- DEBI FEARY REPORTED NOVEMBER 2023 PROFIT OF 2600.00, APRIL 2024 LOTTERY PROFIT OF 2500.00.

MOTION BY CHRIS TAMBURLIN TO CHAIR FALL FUNDRAISER, WITH 75.00 ADVANCE, 2ND BY JANELL ASHMAN. M/C

MOTION BY DAWN FLAVIN TO CHAIR SPRING RAFFLE (FLAGS), 2ND BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA. M/C

BENEDICTION BY CHAPLAIN MARY GILBERT

RETIREMENT OF COLORS BY SGT AT ARMS JOSEPHINE PEARL.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING BY PDP SHIRLEY SOCHIA, 2ND BY PDP DONNA SMITH. M/C

50/50 WINNER- JOSEPHINE PEARL, 140.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MARY A LANPHERE PDP/SEC