

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Oregon
Post Convention DEC
Mill Casino, June 15, 2024

- **The Department of Oregon executive meeting called to order, President Cindy Soria**
- **Prayer offered by** Chaplain Lori Valerie
- **Pledge of Allegiance led by** Stephanie Varela
- **Preamble to the Constitution led by** Pam Seelye
- **President Cindy**, I now declare the Post Convention Executive Committee meeting regularly convened.
- **President Cindy**, I want to welcome you all to our 24/25 year. It's going to be an awesome year, and I want to congratulate Catherine on her awesome year.
- **Roll call of officers**, Secretary Debra Godwin,

Cindy Soria, Department President, present
Dianne Standing, Dep. Vice President Membership, present
Debra Godwin, Secretary/PDP, present
Helen Hisaw, Treasurer/PDP, present
Lori Valerie, Chaplain, present
Pam Seelye, Parliamentarian/PDP, present
Krisann Owens, NEC/PDP, present
Jody Marsh, Alternate NEC/PDP, present
Gregoria Hernandez, Sgt-At-Arms, present
Danni Gonzales, Assistant Sgt-At-Arms, present

- **District President roll call**, Secretary Debra Godwin
District 1, Jody Marsh, Present, with Vice Tracy Peets
District 2, Dana Speer, Present, with Vice Glenna Smith
District 3, Bobbi Peebler, Present, with Vice Sue Driver

District 4, Pat Sakraida, Present, with Vice Bonnie Smith
District 5, Ginny Williams, Present, Vice, absent
District 6, Mary Ward, Present, with Vice Maggie LaMont
District 7, vacant
District 8, Barb Sumner, Present, with Vice Tawyna Lege
District 9, Frankie Trask, Present, Vice vacant
District 10, Linda Schmidt, Present, Vice vacant

- **Department President Cindy, the Secretary will now read the Rules of the Department Executive Committee**
- **Secretary Debra**, reading of Rules for DEC.
Article 5, section 2, The Department Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Department President, Department Vice President, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, the District Presidents, National Executive Committee Person, Department Parliamentarian, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Sergeant at Arms, Department Asst. Sgt-At-Arms and Past Department Presidents with membership in the Department of Oregon. These members with the right to vote are the Department Vice President, National Executive Committee Person and the District Presidents. With the Department President voting in case of a tie. The Department President and Vice President shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Department Executive Committee respectively.
- **President Cindy**, we will now have the introduction of Department Chairmen and Committee members for the purpose of ratification.

Admin Committee, Linda Liebenow Chair, Helen Hisaw and Tracy Peets members
Americanism, Stephanie Varela
Aux. Emergency Fund, Cindy Dahl
Children and Youth, Gregoria Hernandez
Community Service, Angie McKinny
Constitution & Bylaws/Policy, Pam Seelye
Distinguished Guest Chair, Ginny Williams
Convention Chair, Stacy Gettman
Education and Scholarships, Karol Satterfield
Finance, Helen Hisaw Chair, Maggie LaMont, Bobbi Peebler, and Suzanne Driver, members
Girls State, vacant
Juniors, vacant
Leadership, vacant
Legislative, Tracy Peets
Membership, Dianne Standing

National Security, Yvonne Drury
Poppies and Poppy Posters, Margie DeMoss
Public Relations, Karen Banks
VA&R, Linda Liebenow, Chair, Marie Larson and Dana Speer, members.
Portland VA Rep, Marie Larson
Rose Court, Geanne Horne
Portland Gift Shop, Linda Liebenow
OVH Gift Shop, Geanne Horne
Lebanon Gift Shop, Michelle Wilkinson
Roseburg Gift Shop, Cindy Soria
Transplant Unit, Marie Larson
Roseburg VA Rep, Cindy Soria

- **President Cindy**, may I have consent to ratify these appointments? Vice President, Dianne, I move to accept the selected Department Chairman Committee members for ratification, a 2nd motion made. It has been moved and seconded to ratify the selected Department Chairmen. No discussion, motion passed.
- **President Cindy**, you have received the minutes from the Spring DEC held in John Day, are there any corrections or deletions? Jody Marsh, Seaside Unit 99, my District Vice, Tracy Peets has handed me some housekeeping items, spelling, etc.. I would recommend that they be accepted with housekeeping updates as given to the secretary. President Cindy, we have a motion to accept with housekeeping updates, do we have a 2nd? A 2nd was made and motion to accept was carried.
- **Vice President Dianne, Membership Chairman**, as your Vice, I am coming into this year with excitement and a positive attitude. My theme for the year is Honeybees. My husband is a beekeeper. I know how they work as a team to produce all the honey. It's all about teamwork. So, we have the queen and all the worker bees, we have the drones. With persistence and determination, they all have their jobs to do. We will find out more throughout this year. Not only will you reach membership goals, but you will learn the life span of a honeybee. I want to work with the districts and individual units to help them achieve their membership goals.
- **Budget Presentation**, Treasure Helen Hisaw. We have one thing still on the table that I did not get an answer for. I talked about having an external backup purchased for the office. I had told Catherine I would get a cost. We never got a confirmation do we buy it or do we not. It would fall under office supplies. The finance committee would like to make a recommendation to purchase an external hard drive, 5 terabyte. We have 3 different options, Walmart, Amazon, or Quill. They range from \$144 to \$120. We recommend the one from Amazon at \$130. President Cindy, I

would ask the Finance Committee to make a recommendation to make the purchase of the 5 terabytes from Amazon. Helen, the finance committee is recommending that we purchase a 5-terabyte external hard drive from Amazon. Being from the Committee we do not need a 2nd. Is there any discussion? Motion was carried to purchase. Helen Hisaw, so this year's budget was worked on by several of us at the office. The equipment purchases as approved by the DEC for headquarters for the 2023-2024 year has been completed. Computer and 3 office chairs. We have a balance of \$902.55 in training, we have a balance of \$1,439.78 in our National President visit fund, and we have a balance of \$2,843.54 in our General Office fund. Our investments at Ameriprise have seen a slight increase. At the convention last year, we reported \$241,151.08. Overall, our total investment was \$255,500. December 31, 2023, was at \$262,520.72, March 31, 2024, was at \$268,586.91, and as of May 2024 we are at \$274,218.36. Total increase of \$18,718.36 from initial investment. The Finance committee will meet in September to perform our annual audit as there are no funds budgeted for an outside audit. 2024/2025 budget presented. President Cindy, we have a motion on the floor to accept the budget, is there any discussion? Motion is carried to accept budget as presented.

- **President Cindy**, I just want to say it is with a great honor that I am able to stand here before you, to serve as your 2024/2025 Department President. I hope to carry out our mission in helping our veterans, their families, children and our communities. Let's set our sights out to work together to accomplish what we set out to do. My theme this year is "To Dream", to dream that our veterans that may be hurting or have pain will no longer have pain. It's my dream to help their families, the children of our communities, so they may be successful. Let's dream that all of our troops will return home safely soon and be with their families where they belong. If you have a dreamcatcher hold them up and let's catch those dreams. Let's get excited about this coming year. I would like to see our department bring back their enthusiasm, our dedication to our veterans, and bring back the fun that we used to have. Thank you for trusting me to hold the office of your President. A few things I am putting together, and one is an awards committee, and this will be a committee that will look at our awards and see where we might need to change them. Ginny Williams, Pam Seelye, and Linda Liebenow will be on that committee. Also, our website, PDP Catherine Brockmann and Danni Gonzales will be on that committee. My project this year is going to be at the Roseburg VA. There are things that they need. They need new equipment for their patio area, and they need a new library. I would like to be able to provide these things for them. The Leadership committee will be going to the PDP's.

Approved 10/13/2024

- **Communication, Secretary Debra,** Membership packets are available with Danni, you must sign them out. Make sure your installation form is turned into department. District Presidents, you have a confidentiality, and conflict policy you need to sign and return to me before you leave today.
- **Upcoming evets, President Cindy,** Chairman training will be at department, August 3, with zoom available. Year end report training will take place, March 8, place TBD. Our National President will be here in Oregon, April 22-30. Mission training will be February 1st, 2025, in Las Vegas. I would like to give a special Thank you to the Mill Casino for hosting us here again. I really want to thank my new officers, and my new chairmen for stepping up and wanting to be a part of our department. Is there any further business to come before this meeting? If not, we will have the closing prayer.
- **Closing Prayer,** given by Chaplain Lori.
- **President Cindy,** I know declare this meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Executive Board, Department of Oregon Adjourned. 1:40pm.