



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

National Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Pre-Convention  
June 18, 2025

Call to order @ 8:09 AM

- A motion was made to dispense with the Ritual by Denise and seconded by Annette. Motion carried
- Sherrie led the group in the Opening Prayer
- Joyce led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call of Officers – All officers were present and accounted for.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Standing Committees*

##### Finance & Budget

- Dropbox is an online file transfer platform. AGSM Newsletter files are transferred to our publisher; 2 GB are free; U-Haul prints our convention journals; Patti upgraded to professional level of Dropbox \$19.99/month for May because the files were larger than we can get them to U-Haul. The charges are recurring on a credit card and the annual fee includes two free months.

Annette made a motion to upgrade to the Dropbox professional level that provides ten terabytes. Sherrie seconded. Pam suggested that we add an amount to this motion.

Annette rescinded the motion.

A motion was made to approve the annual professional Dropbox subscription not to exceed \$500 by Pam. Teresa seconded. Motion carried

HQ - Annette shared that the front garden will be landscaped by a volunteer.

#### C&BL, Standing Rules, and Little Gold Book -

- Department of VA proposal from the floor regarding changing the title of the “NEB” to “Board of Directors.” Patti will have one minute to make a statement on behalf of the board.

### *Special Committees*

- Ways and Means –  
Spreadshirt is a print on demand platform online store. We can upload designs to put on different items. Two storefronts – Members will have access to two storefronts. Public access to only one storefront. There is a concern that our logo needs to be protected. This platform allows more merchandise choices. We would get a kickback from sales. Designs need to be approved and then pricing will be applied. This will be tabled for the next NEB.
- Garden Flags – Patti will connect Theresa with Blue Star Mothers to see if they can suggest a new vendor.
- Compliance - Joyce shared that Harbor Compliance is a registered agent. They noted that 42 states require compliance procedures. They will work on these procedures for each state.
- Executive Committee – We received \$3,400 in journal ads that offsets the price of printing the convention journal. U-Haul has helped to keep our printing costs down.
- Centennial – Joyce presented the new centennial coin to the NEB members. This coin will be available for purchase after the Centennial workshop. Inventory will be tracked differently, and revenue goes back into Centennial funds. Shipping costs will be applied by weight. These coins will be \$15 each, plus shipping.
- PNPs project – Holly Fenelon has created a slide show of head shots of all PNPs.
- Our Impact – Joyce had suggested that we include an “Our Impact” section on our website. In working on this, Nichole discovered it was already there, just not in a very visible location. She has placed it under Members Only.
- Partners Section – Nichole has added these special organizations.

A motion was made to accept all Officers and Positions Reports by Annette and seconded by Denise. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Continuity Books need to be updated within the next few days.
- Emails need to be cleaned up for the next officer.
- NEB preconvention and convention meeting minutes must be completed by Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and be approved by the NEB by Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Patti will have a zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.
- All expense reports must be submitted to Rose by Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.
- Judith Young sold special pins that would go towards putting a GS Mothers statue at Arlington National Cemetery. Political logistics changed the direction of this project. Judith had these statues built and are in a warehouse in NJ. She would like to donate it to AGSM and put it at HQ; however, DC regulations would not approve of placing this at HQ. Gold Star Manor will place this statue at their location in California. Another statue will be

placed in Philadelphia at the Four Chaplains' location. Patti is going to give Judith time during the business meeting to discuss this.

- Patti will provide a list of reminders for members at the registration desk.
- The four meals charged per person costs the organization \$149/person, not including taxes.

**New Business**

- 2026 Convention - Annette did not have anything to report.
- 2025 Convention - The Convention events were discussed in detail, ensuring everyone understood their duties and responsibilities.

Closing Prayer was led by Sherrie.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Karlson, Secretary

NEB Approved date: 06/25/25



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Patti Elliott, President

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Theresa Karlson, Secretary

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