



## **American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.**

2024-2025 National Executive Board

Meeting Minutes – 7/1/2024

The business meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Patti Elliott. (See agenda at Attachment 1.) A motion to dispense with the Ritual was made by IT Chair Nichole Chilton and seconded by Chaplain Sherrie McGhee. The motion carried.

Chaplain Sherrie McGhee opened with prayer.

Secretary Theresa Karlson conducted the roll call of officers. There were 11 members of the NEB present: President, Patti Elliott; 1st Vice President, Annette Kirk; 2nd Vice President, Joyce Paulsen; Treasurer, Rose Duval; Secretary, Theresa Karlson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Teresa Bullock; Chaplain, Sherrie McGhee; Banner Guard, Joan Snyder; Flag Guard, Denise Torbert; VAVS National Chair, Pam Stemple; IT & Technology Chair, Nichole Chilton.

Absent: NSO, Lee-Ann Forsythe

### Unfinished Business

All members reviewed the 6/23/2024 meeting minutes. Sherrie McGhee made a motion to accept the minutes and Annette Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

1. Postage Increase - Patti suggested that we order postage stamps before the cost increases on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The NEB will not be meeting before this date; therefore, we should vote on purchasing stamps. Rose Duval made a motion to purchase \$1,000 worth of Forever stamps prior to July 14<sup>th</sup>. Annette Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

2. Business Cards and Nametags - Patti asked if Nichole had contacted her vendor about the business cards and nametags. Nichole is still working on contacting them.

3. Committee Choices - Patti reminded NEB members that she needs three committee choices from them by the end of the week.

4. IT Updates - Nichole reported that she continues to work on the website and has completed the download of assets from the “.com” platform. News from Chapters and Departments will be included on the website and will be set up as a blog. Some of the updates Nichole has made include making the website more mobile friendly.

Nichole asked for everyone to send her a picture to be used in the NEB section of the website. The picture does not have to be professional, but you should be dressed in white. She will link our respective NEB email addresses from the pictures so that when members click on the pictures, an email can be sent.

Nichole was able to reassign NEB email addresses to the new members as well as transitioning NEB officers who have new titles. Everyone should have received the link with their password.

### New Business

1. NEB Appointments/Changes - Patti announced that NSO Lee-Ann Forsythe has resigned from her position as of Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Since Teresa Bullock has served on the board for several years, Patti, Annette and Joyce requested that she serve as NSO. As a result of this change, Teresa's position as Sergeant-at-Arms opened up and Patti reached out to Carla Wicks from the Department of Texas/Oklahoma and offered her this position. Carla has agreed to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. Patti will forward Carla's contact information to Secretary Theresa Karlson so that she can update the NEB roster.

Patti mentioned that the Membership Committee will need to decide on how to include a "Friend" category on the membership application.

Sherrie McGhee made a motion to move to a closed session at 7:26 p.m. Annette Kirk seconded. Motion carried.

Sherrie McGhee made a motion to leave the closed session at 7:29 p.m. Nichole Chilton seconded. Motion carried.

### Good of the Order

1. Patti reminded new NEB members to provide a 4"X6" picture of their Hero to be put in the NEB Hero's frame at Headquarters. The orientation needs to be portrait. Please remember to bring this to the September NEB meeting.

2. Pam asked if there was a timeline set for Lee-Ann to return items to Headquarters. Patti has shipped a hard drive to her so that she can download AGSM files. Lee-Ann will also return the machine that prints out membership cards. Pam also mentioned that Lee-Ann has all the copies of old applications that have been scanned. Nichole will coordinate with Lee-Ann to find out where this information is and also the status of the second database for these scanned applications.

3. Sherrie asked for the newsletter submittals due date. Patti stated that information is due to Nichole on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please send articles to [publications@americangoldstarmothers.org](mailto:publications@americangoldstarmothers.org)

4. Joan asked if she could get the flags dry cleaned. Pam mentioned that the 2024-2025 NEB budget has not yet been established and approved. Since this is an expenditure, she is requested to wait until an amount is approved for this task. She also mentioned that the US Army ribbon was missing from the ring. Pam has it and will bring it to Headquarters in September.

Sherrie closed the meeting with prayer. Sherrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pam seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Karlson, National Secretary

NEB approved date:

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Patti Elliott, President	Date	Theresa Karlson, Secretary	Date



## *American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.*

2024-2025 National Executive Board Meeting

July 1, 2024

Agenda

Call to Order

Motion to Dispense with the Ritual

Opening Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Pledge of Allegiance - Joyce Paulsen

Roll Call of Officers - Theresa Karlson

### Unfinished Business

Minutes of 6/23/24 Meeting

Postage Increase

Ordering Business Cards and Nametags

Committee Choices

Website Updates - Nichole Chilton

- Mobile Friendly
- NEB Pictures

Transitioning E-mail Addresses Update - Patti

### New Business:

NEB Appointments/Changes

### Closed Session

Update

### Good of the Order

Pictures of Heroes

Closing Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Adjourn