



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

2023-2024 National Executive Board

Meeting Minutes - 11/9/23

A business meeting of the AGSM National Executive Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Pam Stemple. (See Agenda at Attachment 1) A motion to dispense with the ritual was made by Teresa Bullock and seconded by Lee-Ann Forsythe. The motion carried.

Pam Stemple opened the meeting with prayer, and Patti Elliott led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Patti Elliott conducted the roll call of officers. There were seven members of the NEB present at the beginning of the meeting: President, Pam Stemple; 1st Vice President, Patti Elliott; Treasurer, Rose Duval; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joyce Paulsen; Flag Guard, Teresa Bullock; IT Chair, Lee-Ann Forsythe; and Chaplain, Cathy Bordeaux. Secretary Chanta Vasquez joined the call at 7:30 p.m.

Pam Stemple shared that we have several items that needed to be voted on and a Zoom meeting was called to efficiently take care of these items in a timely manner. She discussed all the Standing and Special Committees and the purpose/function of each committee. She reminded all members of the NEB that serving on a committee means assisting the chair with the functions of the committee and encouraged committee chairs to use their committees to accomplish tasks.

New Business:

1. Rose Duval shared information on how the budget is being tracked this year. A more detailed financial report will be presented at the February meeting.
2. Pam Stemple will be the Grand Marshal for the Wreaths Across America convoy from December 7-16, 2023.
3. Joyce Paulsen presented several items related to Membership:
 - a. A new charter application has been submitted for a Houston Chapter in the Department of Texas. A motion to approve the charter was made by Patti Elliott and seconded by Teresa Bullock. Following discussion, the motion carried.
 - b. Membership cards for 2024 will be a “permanent” plastic card, instead of paper cards, using the Badgy machine we currently own. A motion to approve up to \$600 for the plastic cards and ink to print the 2024 membership cards was made by Patti Elliott and seconded by Teresa Bullock. Following discussion, the motion carried.

- c. Joyce Paulsen reported we have added 48 new members since July 1. Per capita has been distributed to chapters. We currently have 28 chapters with no president identified.

3. Pam Stemple announced the formation of a new Special Committee for the 2028 Centennial Celebration. The committee is composed of Pam Stemple and the following PNPs: Jennifer Jackman, Cindy Chip, Becky Christmas, Mona Gunn, Cindy Tatum, Jo Ann Maitland, Sarah Taylor. Patti Elliott is serving as the secretary to the committee. At the first meeting, Mona Gunn was selected as the chair of the committee. More information will be provided as plans for the celebration are developed.

4. The Giving Grace Grant application period will open again on November 15. The committee has updated the guidelines and a document detailing those will be available on the website. This application period will include requests for dues assistance. Additionally, language has been placed on the website reminding applicants that all applications are confidential and to review the guidelines prior to starting an application. It will never be disclosed to membership who has applied for and/or received a Giving Grace Grant.

5. Joyce Paulsen reported the Ways and Means Committee has been busy.
 - a. The new associate pins will be placed in the AGSM Online Store. A motion to offer the associate pins for \$8 each was made by Joyce Paulsen and seconded by Rose Duval. Following discussion, the motion carried.
 - b. The new Friends of AGSM pins will be placed in the AGSM Online Store. A motion to offer the Friends of AGSM pins for \$8 each was made by Joyce Paulsen and seconded by Patti Elliott. Following discussion, the motion carried.
 - c. The flash sale has closed. We did not meet the required minimum sales. The additional items will be placed in the AGSM Online Store. A motion to approve payment of \$488.50 to Authentically American was made by Joyce Paulsen and seconded by Teresa Bullock. Following discussion, the motion carried.

For the Good of the Order:

1. Rose Duval reminded everyone to remit payment for their business cards.
2. Following the last Treasurers' Forum, a shared drive has been created to share documents with chapter and department treasurers.
3. Rose Duval reminded everyone to submit any outstanding travel requirements.
4. Patti Elliott reminded everyone to keep their continuity books updated.
5. Patti Elliott shared a document called a Forms Log that has been created to document all AGSM forms and their most recent update.
6. Pam Stemple reminded everyone to maintain regular communication with your assigned departments. Please remember to cc Pam on all your e-mails to your departments.
7. Pam Stemple gave dates for NEB members to block on their calendars for upcoming events:
 - a. February 7-11 - NEB Meeting

- b. May 23-27 - Memorial Day
- c. June 19-24 - 2024 Convention

She asked that no one commit to anything other than being present in DC without consulting with her first.

There being no further business to come before the NEB, a motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Bullock and seconded by Patti Elliott. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Elliott, Acting Secretary

Pam Stemple, President

Date

Chanta Vasquez, Secretary

Date

Approved by NEB:



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National Executive Board Meeting
November 9, 2023
AGENDA

Call to order

- Motion to dispense with the Ritual
- Opening Prayer – Cathy
- Pledge of Allegiance – Annette
- Roll call of Officers – Chanta

Why am I calling this meeting?

Committee's - Why do we have them? Who's in Charge? What's each person's responsibility? Why do I always have to have a vote?

- Standing Committees
 - Finance & Budget - Rose
 - Headquarters - Patti
 - Legislative - Patti
 - C&BL, Standing Rules and Little Gold Book - Annette
- Special Committees
 - Membership - Joyce
 - Community Service - Chanta
 - Grant Committees - Annette
 - Ways and Means - Joyce
 - Americanism - Annette
 - Compliance - Annette
 - Grace D. Seibold Scholarship - Lee-Ann
 - Executive Committee - Pam
- Appointments
 - Historian - Lee-Ann
 - VAVS - Pam
 - Publications - Lee-Ann
 - IT - Lee-Ann

New Business - Pam

- Where are we with the finances - Any recommendations?
- WAA 2023
- Membership - Per Capita, New Charters, logo requests, logo's, membership cards - Any recommendations
- 2028 Centennial Committee
- Giving Grace Update -
- Ways and Means - Update on how we are doing. Any recommendations?



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Good of the Order

- Outreach with your Departments -
- February Meeting
- Memorial Day
- 2024 Convention

Closing