



SPRING BOARD MEETING

American Legion Post #1376, New Hartford, N.Y.

March 30, 2019

President Carlin reminded board members and those assuming a board seat to check in with the Secretary pro tem Carena Collura.

President Carlin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Meetings Committee and Margherita Clemento and Neale Steiniger for their work on the Spring Board Meeting. A thank you was given to new members and future board members. It is important that we continue to grow the membership of the organization. It was announced that there will be no timekeeper or page. Our Parliamentarian is Margherita Clemento and our Registration Chair is Neale Steiniger.

Collect:

President-Elect Robin Bridson led us in the Collect.

The Pledge to the Flag:

The pledge was led by Vice President Jacquie Shellman.

Moment of Silence:

President Carlin led the membership in a moment of silence for deceased members.

Declaration of Quorum/Call to Order:

President Carlin called the meeting to order at 12:51 pm and declared a quorum with 10 board members present.

Registration Report:

Registration Chair Neale Steiniger gave her report as of 1:00 PM of 28 members. (Report attached).

President Carlin reminded the group that only members of the Board - State Officers, Immediate Past State President, Region Directors and Standing Committee Chairs - can vote. She announced those who were assuming a Region Director position for the meeting. Secretary pro tem Carena Collura confirmed she had motion forms available.

Adoption of Standing Rules:

Parliamentarian Margherita Clemento affirmed that board members had copies of the Standing Rules in their packets. Hearing no questions, objections or additions, the Rules of the Board Meeting were adopted.

Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION 18/19 - 27

Made by Ramona Gallagher with a second from Jacquie Shellman, that the Agenda be approved (with any changes) and with the understanding that the President is empowered to make further changes if needed. The motion carried.

Recognition of First Timers:

President Carlin called forward Sue Roth and Deborah Francis from Professional Women of Sullivan County and Donna Comstock from Chadwick Bay to be recognized.

Secretary's Report:

For information purposes, Secretary pro tem Carena Collura read the list of EC Actions since the last meeting. (copy attached)

Hearing that there were no additions or corrections to the Fall Board Meeting 9/29/18 the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Board members had the financial reports as of February 28, 2019. Treasurer Mary Stelley reviewed the balance sheet and profit loss sheets with no questions.

Expenses: Mary discussed liability insurance and noted one chapter owes for 2018.

Expenses for this Spring Board meeting are not reflected in the current 2/19 report.

The report is now filed for audit.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President Jacquie Shellman stated that as the MOI states the Vice President serves on EC (Executive Committee) and as liaison for Standing and Special Chairs as requested by the President. She also has stated that she participated on monthly EC conference calls, participated in monthly Meeting Committee conference calls to provide you the members, productive meetings, Liaison to Advocacy and Membership Committees where she supported the efforts for the membership survey. She was appointed by President Carlin to the NY Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund, Inc. Board of Directors. She will be the State Rep at Region II's Spring

Region meeting in Staten Island. She also issued a thank you for an incredible past two years as your NYSW Inc. Vice President.

President - Elect Report:

President - Elect Robin Bridson reported with her new role as President she will call upon the regions to embrace Personal and Professional Development. She will be looking for new support for the committees for next year.

President - Elect Robin Bridson assumed the President's chair for the purpose of the President's Report.

President's Report:

President Carlin welcomed everyone to the Spring Board meeting. She announced that Weds. Aug 28th will be the 100th year anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

Members can access etix for Women's day at the Fair tickets.

If anyone has gongs, please return them.

Women's Equal Pay Day is April 19, 2019. PowHerNY can be accessed for anyone interested in supporting equal pay and economic equality for all women.

Renee Cerullo resigned from the incorporation committee. Anyone interested in this position should contact President Carlin.

Chapters and members please make sure that you update contact information on the NYS Women Inc website. This is to ensure that Regions and locals get information.

Members can get information from NIKE. If you have anything to submit you can send it to PR@NYSWomeninc.org- If you are having problems logging into the state account Robin can log in and help with any troubles with personal information.

The conference installation dinner will have the theme of Breakfast at Tiffany's.

President Carlin resumed the President's chair at the conclusion of her report.

Reports of the Board of Directors: Directions for oral reports and motions were given by President Carlin for the Standing Committee Reports.

Advocacy: Marilyn Mannino: reported on the Equal Rights Amendment and it is only one state away for ratification. There is also a congressional bill to remove the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Additionally, a bill known as the Paycheck Fairness Act aims to eliminate gender-based pay inequality by altering the language of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. The last bill supports domestic violence education and training programs that

develop protocols for the protection of victims and their families, as well as strong penalties for abusers.

Bylaws: Ramona Gallagher – no activity

Communications: Neale Steiniger reported briefly on the Communicator and NIKE.

Finance: Bernie Sunderlin- proposed 2019-2020 Budget included in the packet

Membership: Linda Przepasniak: Sue Mager discussed the membership survey. The survey represented 22% of the membership. We have 464 members.

PPD: Mary Ellen Morgan

Athena Military Women's Initiative: Sue Mager reported Veterans' Projects will be recognized at the conference. Please submit events by April 15th for a possible \$100.00 award.

Region Directors:

Region 2: Lost 1 chapter

Region 3: No news. Possible new chapter within the next year.

Region 5: No news.

Region 6: Held a Bowling event, purchased a billboard with Women's Owned Grants and the Reality Store with BOCES.

Region 8: Chadwick Bay Get away will be in February 2020. Christine Storer read the Region 8 report for Renee Cerullo.

MOI: Neale Steiniger: Structure of state meeting. Regions will rotate roles.

For example, Region 2 will host Fall Board and then Region 3 will host the Spring Board.

Dues: The monitor of Dues: This will be given back to the chapter Treasurers. Members can still pay online or through their local chapter.

Legislation: Joann Olbrich: Ratification of the ERA 1976 and Fair Wage.

Career Recognition- No report

New Careerist Program: Shirley Felder: no report

Women's Day at the Fair: Deb Carlin: August 28, 2019

Task force - no report

Nominations: Ramona Gallagher: Thank you to the committee. The last day for Nominations will be April 6th.

Open positions will be for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, President/Elect

Unfinished Business

Robin Bridson was the timekeeper for discussion.

Motion 18/19-28 made by Neale Steiniger and seconded by Bernadette Sunderlin to adopt MOI 1.08 Treasurer and TK 1.08 Membership Dues Process. Motion passed.

Motion 18/19-29 made by Bernadette Sunderlin to send the proposed 2019-2020 budget to the state conference for approval. Adopted

Motion 18/19-30, made by Marilyn Mannino to send the Legislation Platform to the state conference for approval. Adopted.

New Business: none

Announcements:

2019 Annual Conference: Robin Bridson presented conference information

Application for Ads is available online.

Deadlines for Ads and Reports is May 24, 2019.

Deadline for the Memorial Service is May 8, 2019

Deadline for the awards is May 1, 2019

Adjournment:

President Carlin adjourned the meeting at 2:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carena L. Collura Secretary pro tem Janet Carey Secretary