

Dist. 1 4/1/2023
mtg minutes

The District 1 spring meeting was called to order by District 1 President, Berniece Froiland, on April 1, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hope Senior center. Eleven members were in attendance. Julie Ellingson, Hope Unit #18 president, gave the opening prayer. Everyone introduced themselves. State officers present were: Marcy Schmidt-State Secretary; and Gloria Covert-State membership chairman.

The Hope unit was in charge of the Memorial Service. Julie Ellingson, Leigh Gunkel, and Rita Kainz conducted the ceremony. Thirteen names of our dearly departed from District 1 were read while soft music was played.

Marcy Schmidt discussed the winter conference held in Minot. Four Gold Star mothers were honored. In attendance were the National President-Vickie Koutz and Northwestern National Vice-President-Marlene Boyer. Marcy also shared with us that our State President-Sandra Petermann encourages members to learn to listen, value your own strength, be kind and polite, have good manners, show respect, commit to your unit, and remember that TEAM doesn't have an I in it!


Marcy reminded the group that dues would be increasing by \$6.00 and that paid-up-for-life dues are due before September. Also required contributions were due last fall. If anyone is interested in serving any of the Department offices, they were to submit their endorsement through their unit to the Department Office no later than March 31, 2023. Marcy shared with the ladies that the veteran who for many years made the poppies had passed away. She suggested that a unit could take on the project of making the poppies and then write and keep track for community hours. Marcy also reminded the members that Diane Kraemer would like each unit to update their constitution and by-laws and send a copy to her. She shared that the State Convention will be held in Bismarck ND -June 23-25, and Girls State will be held on the UND campus-June 11-16. Marcy showed us the new branding logo for the Auxiliary. Items that can be purchased were; puzzles, cards, cookbook, place mats, and Nurse's book. Marcy informed the ladies that the Department is working on constant contact with the members that would help save time and money through e-mails, etc. She also asked if anyone was interested in being a Girls State Mom that they could apply on-line.

Other business, Berniece Froiland, District 1 President, asked if anyone present would be interested in taking over the position of District 1 Vice-President. She commented that her present District Vice-President did not want to move on the District 1 President. Berniece introduced Gloria Covert-State Membership chairman.

Gloria shared that "ghosting" was happening in the units. She said that it is important to communicate with your members. Set up a Facebook page to keep in touch with members. Also, sending a member a birthday card will keep the unit in touch with their members. She discussed ALAMIS which is important to keep in touch with your unit's membership and reporting. Gloria commented that the Auxiliary year is from January 1st to December 31st. If the dues are not paid during that time, the member can attend meetings but cannot be a voting member. She emphasized not to hold dues; but to send them in right away. Gloria suggest inviting your Junior members to a meeting if there are any problems with online reporting, etc; that they may be of help with the computer. She also said that instead of disbanding a unit, they are suggesting to that unit to reorganize to revitalize your unit. Gloria reminded everyone to wear the logo and be proud of your Auxiliary. She was very excited to share that 2 units from District 1 had over 100% membership. They were Galesburg with 109% and Hannaford with 104%.

Door prizes were given out and there was no further business. District 1 President, Berniece Froiland , thanked the Hope unit for all of their work in planning for this meeting. The members sang "God Bless America". A closing prayer was read by Julie Ellingson, Unit #18 President. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Lemley