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Midwest Area Regional Council

MARC Conference

Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria, Illinois

October 14th, 2023

The MARC conference meeting was held in the Rivers Room G-J.

Recording Secretary, Amanda Dixon took silent Roll call.

President-Bonnie Templeton, Vice President-Jill Shull, Recording Secretary-Amanda Dixon, Treasurer-Brittany Rosenmund, Parliamentarian-Heather Hoey, Communicator-Jennifer Sparkman, Jr Past President- Kim Poling, Chaplain-Julie Whitaker, Foundation Chair-Alley Gary, Hope for Heroes-Jill Richards, Brittany Covey, & Ruth Archambeau, Nominating Chair-Kim Poling, Audit Committee-Pam Mitchell, Misty Evans, & Judy Baxter, Ways & means- Kathleen Grissom, Rebecca Hatton, & Beth Pompa, & Webmaster-Brenda Fields.

Vice President, Jill Shull asked everyone to please be seated and silence their phones for the flag ceremony.

2018-2019 IC President, Kim Kummer conducted the Flag Ceremony.

Chaplain, Julie Whitaker conducted the Celebration of Life ceremony.

Vice President, Jill Shull introduced 2022-2023 MARC President, Bonnie Templeton.

MARC President, Bonnie Templeton declared the 38th Annual MARC Conference in session at 10:02 AM.

The opening Ritual was recited.

Chaplain, Julie Whitaker gave the opening thought.

President, Bonnie Templeton conducted introductions.

 MARC Conference Co-Chairs, Jamie Atchison & Maria Bingheim

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Taylor Holmstrom, Sales Manager

Illinois State Council, Misty Evans, 2022-2024 Illinois State Council President

MARC Officers/Appointed Board

 IC Elected Officers/Appointed Board

 ESA Headquarters Staff

 MARCettes

 ESA Foundation Board

 First Time Attendees

 Pledges

 Past IC Presidents

 Guests

Parliamentarian, Heather Hoey moved to dispense with the reading of the Rules of the Meeting as they are printed on page 13 of the Conference Booklet.

 Shirley Krcmar, Ohio seconded. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Recording Secretary, Amanda Dixon presented the Official Roll Call/Credentials Report.

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| STATE | MEMBERSIN STATE | MEMBERSPRESENT | STATEPRESIDENTPRESENT | STATEPRESIDENTALTERNATE | MARCREPSPRESENT | MARCREPSALTERNATE |
| Illinois | 325 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Indiana | 225 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Kansas | 428 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Michigan | 55 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 63 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Missouri | 179 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Nebraska | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohio | 77 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Oklahoma | 464 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SouthDakota | 31 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wisconsin | 12 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 1882 | 101 | 7 | 3 | 16 | 2 |

Guests: 4

Pledges: 0

First timers: 7

MARCettes: 12

Recording Secretary, Amanda Dixon moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes held in July at the IC convention as they were included in the August 2023 issue of the ReMarcs Newsletter.

 Margaret Kramer, Oklahoma seconded. No discussion. Motion Carried.

Treasurer, Brittany Rosenmund presented the treasurer’s report.

 Beginning Balance, October 10,2022 $\_\_\_8069.85\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Receipts/Income $\_\_\_7384.88\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Disbursements/Expenses $\_\_\_\_3216.55\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Balance on Hand October 11th 2023 $\_\_\_\_12238.18\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There were some questions and discussion regarding the report.

Treasurer, Brittany Rosenmund presented the proposed budget printed on page 14 of the Conference Booklet.

 President Bonnie Templeton opened the floor for discussion. Discussion was had regarding the budget.

Margaret Kramer, Oklahoma made the motion to table the discussion of the budget until the afternoon session. Adrian Sperduto, Illinois seconded. Motion Carried.

President Bonnie Templeton advised the membership there will not be a vote on the By law and standing rule changes as they were not presented to the membership in the timeframe noted in the By Laws.

Parliamentarian, Heather Hoey moved to add paid gas as an option for reimbursement in the areas of the bylaws/standing rules that reference paid travel.

 President, Bonnie Templeton called for discussion. Discussion commenced for the allotted time. Bonnie called for the vote. The motion was not passed.

Jr. Past President, Kim Poling presented the candidates for 2023-2024 MARC Board.

 President Jill Shull, Illinois

Vice President/President Elect Amanda Dixon, Ohio

 Parliamentarian Kathleen Grissom, Illinois

Julie Whitaker, Missouri

 Treasurer Alley Gary, Indiana

 Jill Richards, Kansas

Secretary Brittany Rosenmund, Michigan

 Beth Pompa, Kansas

 Communicator Heather Hoey, Michigan

 Jr Past President Bonnie Templeton, Kansas

President, Bonnie Templeton called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were presented. Nominations from the floor were closed.

Elections tellers were identified, and the ballots were passed out. The votes were counted and there was a tie for the position of Treasurer. A revote was taken.

President, Bonnie Templeton presented the Future MARC conference sites.

 October 2024 – Missouri. Brenda Fields and Ruth Williams, Co-chairs

Sheraton Westport Plaza hotel St Louis, MO October 11-12th 2024

 October 2025 – Wisconsin. Judy Baxter, Chair

Embassy suites near Milwaukee

Executive Director, Charlotte Carloni gave the ESA Headquarters message. Presented the Power of US Campaign and information about 2024 Leadership.

Foundation Chair, Alley Gary played Heads or Tails with the membership in support of the MARC Foundation scholarships.

Registration Chair, Rhonda Rawlings gave the final conference report.

 MARC Members \_98\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Non-MARC Members \_4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 DESA/ELANS \_1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Guests \_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Leadership \_\_\_102\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President, Bonnie Templeton recessed the meeting.

12:00PM- Lunch

President, Bonnie Templeton called the general assembly back to order at 1:15PM.

President, Bonnie Templeton introduced Jill Richards and Ruth Archambeau, the Hope for Heroes chair. Jill and Ruth introduced the speakers. America’s Gold Star Families-Anita Dixon & Patti Latch.

Treasurer, Brittany Rosenmund presented the proposed and updated budget. The motion was presented to accept the budget with amendments. There was review and discussion.

President, Bonnie Templeton advised since the motion is coming from a committee there is not a second required. The vote was called, and the motion was carried. The 2023-2024 budget was adopted.

Audit committee member, Misty Evans advised that the audit was completed and filed.

Foundation Counselor, Alley Gary presented the foundation report.

 MARC Endowment Recipient- Tatum Lebendahl, Missouri Received $1,050

Balance $24,192.00

Purple Heart Recipient- Amaya Frusetta, Arizona Received $950.00

Balance $20,760.00

The Head and Tails game, played twice over the weekend raised $840.00 for the foundation.

Ways & Means Chair, Kathleen Grissom gave the final report.

 Silent auction $494.00

Beverage pulls $320.00

Live auction $3135.00

Donation $51.00

Marketplace $200.00

Balance $ 4,200.00

President, Bonnie Templeton announced the results of the 2023-2024 Executive Board.

 President Jill Shull, Illinois

 Vice President Amanda Dixon, Ohio

 Recording Secretary Beth Pompa, Kansas

 Treasurer Alley Gary, Indiana

 Parliamentarian Julie Whitaker, Missouri

 Communicator Heather Hoey, Michigan

 Jr. Past President Bonnie Templeton, Kansas

President, Bonnie Templeton gave her closing remarks. No additional reports.

Celeste Webb lowered Bonnie Templeton’s Gavel.

Rhonda Rawlings raised Jill Shull’s Gavel.

Bonnie Templeton presented Jill Shull with the Presidents Gavel.

President, Jill Shull introduced her 2023-2024 MARC Board.

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| Jill | Shull | MARC President |
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| Amanda | Dixon | MARC Vice-President |
| Heather  | Hoey | MARC Communicator |
| Bonnie | Templeton | MARC Jr Past President |
| Julie | Whitaker | MARC Parliamentarian |
| Beth | Pompa | MARC Secretary |
| Alley | Gary | MARC Treasurer |
| Judy | Baxter | MARC Audit Chair |
| Emmy | Neustrom | MARC Audit Committee |
| Brittany | Covey | MARC Audit Committee |
| Alley | Gary | MARC Budget Chair |
| Misty | Evans | MARC Budget Committee |
| Dee | Rotering | MARC Budget Committee |
| Jennifer | Sparkman | MARC Chaplain |
| Elaine | Chaney | MARC ESA Foundation |
| Pam | Mitchell | MARC Hope For Heroes |
| Bonnie | Templeton | MARC Nomination Chair |
| Amanda | Dixon | MARC Nomination Committee |
| Jacque | Cantrell | MARC Nomination Committee |
| Kathleen | Grissom | MARC Special Projects Tri-Chair |
| Jill | Richards | MARC Special Projects Tri-Chair |
| Brittany | Rosenmund | MARC Special Projects Tri-Chair |
| Brittany | Rosenmund | MARC Ways and Means Chair |
| Judy | Baxter | MARC Ways and Means Committee |
| Deb | Frahm | MARC Ways and Means Committee |
| Sheri | Meyer-Harden | MARC Ways and Means Committee |
| Brandy | Small | MARC Ways and Means Committee |
| Brenda | Fields | MARC Web Master |
| Brenda | Fields | MARC 2024 Conference Co-Chair |
| Ruth | Williams | MARC 2024 Conference Co-Chair |
| Sharon | George | MATC 2024 Conference Audit Chair |
| Cindee | Leong | MARC 2024 Conference Audit Committee |
| Kim | Mandrell | MATC 2024 Conference Audit Committee |

MARCette Chair, Kim Poling conducted the introduction of Bonnie Templeton into the MARCettes.

Announcements were made-Reception from 5pm-6pm, Marketplace open 4pm-5pm, officers being installed need to be in the next room by 6:15pm.

Chaplain, Julie Whitaker gave the closing thought.

2018-2019 IC President, Kim Kummer retired the flags.

President, Bonnie Templeton adjourned the 38th MARC Conference.

The closing ritual was recited.

Audit Committee Chair, Misty Evans announced at the Banquet that the books were audited and all in order.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Dixon, Secretary

Approved by Bonnie Templeton, President

