

Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit

The regular meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit was called to order by the President, Nancy Keipe Fody at 10:00 a.m., February 16, 2023, virtually over Zoom, following a 9:45 a.m. social gathering. Todd Ellis, Ph.D., RP was appointed as secretary pro tem by unanimous consent.

The secretary pro tem called the roll. Members Barbara Davis, Patricia Dolan, PRP-R, Ellis, Fody, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, Betty Lee Ongley, and Julie Pioch, PRP, were present. There was a quorum present. Gretchen Denton, PRP, Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians President was in attendance. Guests Marco Tomasi, Ph.D., and Michael Zutis were also present.

Following the opening ceremonies, a motion to adopt the agenda was assumed. Davis moved to amend the agenda to include a motion to pay the People's Church for room rental under new business. The motion was adopted. The motion to adopt the agenda as amended was adopted.

The president submitted a report. She also reported that Patricia Dolan, PRP-R, has been appointed to serve as Parliamentarian for 2022-2023.

The vice president submitted a report of his quarterly activities.

The office of secretary is currently vacant due to resignation.

The treasurer Julie Pioch, PRP, reported a beginning balance of \$4,235.65 as of December 1, 2022. Receipts from dues totaled \$80. Expenses were \$0. The balance as of February 16, 2023, was \$4,315.65. The report was filed. She also submitted a report of her quarterly activities.

The immediate past president, Laurie Marshall, shared comments on the presidential transition.

Financial Review Chairperson Richard Atwell submitted his report to the president prior to the meeting. Ellis moved, "to accept the Financial Review report and file it for audit." Davis moved to amend the motion by striking, "and file it for audit." The motion to amend was adopted. The motion "to accept the Financial Review report." was adopted as amended.

Education Chairperson Barbara Davis reported that this year's education lessons are coming from resources made freely available by NAP and will share how to get them during the lesson.

Library Chairperson Barbara Davis reported that she is willing to explore donating approximately 15 years of the *National Parliamentarian* to a local college library.

During the Membership Committee report, the treasurer reported that the unit currently has 10 paid members while waiting on a few others to send in dues before the March 1 deadline.

During the Nominating Committee report, the president reported that, per the bylaws, the committee is in charge of nominating a member to fill the vacant secretary position.

Yearbook Chairperson Laurie Marshall reminded all members to get their dues in by the deadline. She is working on the layout of the yearbook, but needs updated governing documents and an updated membership list.

The Special Committee on the Education Event Chairperson Laurie Marshall reported that the event will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center at 601 Main Street in St. Joseph, Michigan. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Plan is to have major contracts and speakers in place by March 6 in order to facilitate marketing.

The president called on Vice President Ellis to continue a discussion on alternate dates and times for meetings. He reported that he plans to reach out to other groups, especially in Grand Rapids, to find a time that might attract people who are available during the day.

The president announced that the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians (MSAP) will be holding their Annual Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Michigan, on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Several members of KPLU will be in attendance. There will also be a Michigan Unit of Registered Parliamentarians (MURP) meeting and workshop via Zoom on Friday, April 14, 2023. That will be followed by a MSAP Board of Directors Meeting also via Zoom.

Member Davis moved "that KPLU pay People's Church \$75 for the three meetings being held there in 2023." The motion was adopted.

The president then introduced Education chairperson Davis to present the learning lesson. The lesson featured a discussion of a quiz on presiding over a meeting distributed as part of the Parliamentary Fun and Games produced by NAP.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



Todd D. Ellis, Secretary pro tem