

ORDER OF LaShe's
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2025
The Locale

Board Members Present:

Cindy Bishop, Stacey Jessee, Donna Diaz, Tracey Taylor, Kendra Isenhower, Gabby Smith, Sara McKinley, Nicolle Rayborn, Christine Bramlett, Melissa Davis

Meeting Called to Order 7:01 p.m.

New Member Pledge: Introduction by Lynlee Evans

Robin Brunson
Lisa Downard
Ashley Bass Greger
Victoria Imel
Amanda Rodriguez

Teryn Colvin
Kylee (Toms) Foster
Cheralyn (CJ) Herrington
Tammy Jackson
Lauren Tyson

Britney Docen
Lori Giles
Lelani Holston
Bailey (Mann) McRae
Morgan Williams

Pledge-Kendra Isenhower

Reading of the Minutes: May 21, 2025

- Anita Knapp a motion to dispense with the reading of May 21, 2025, minutes. Bea Taylor seconded the motion. The majority voted in favor; two opposed; motion passed.

Cindy Bishop read the notification of change of officers previously disclosed to the membership via Facebook and email. Heavy heartedly, Cindy reminded everyone that Jamie Lowe had resigned as president to focus on her health and well-being. Cindy has assumed the role of President of the Order of LaShe's. Cindy announced that the process to appoint a new Vice President is ongoing.

Officer's Reports

- **Vice President-Cindy Bishop gave report.**
 - Member count: 2 Founder Emeritus, 300 Active, 8 Active Non-Riding, 30 Honorary, 24 Costume Honorary and 93 Associates.
 - There are currently 42 ladies on the waiting list.
- **Treasurer Stacey Jessee**
 - Reminder that next month is a dues month. You may pay your dues online anytime via our website. There are QR codes located around the building that can assist you if you would like to make online payments.
 - Stacey read May 2025 balances.
 - Wells Fargo Operating-Beginning Balance \$34,372.65, Ending Balance \$102,033.28
 - Wells Fargo Savings- Beginning Balance \$180,699.07, Ending Balance \$180,700.61
 - MOOLs Trustmark Savings-Beginning Balance \$5,927.22, Ending Balance \$5,927.42
 - Trustmark Building Fund-Beginning Balance \$43,343.39, Ending Balance \$44,405.96

- Trustmark Building CD-Beginning Balance \$175,770.41, Ending Balance \$176,407.47

- **Recording Secretary Donna Diaz**

- No report

- **Corresponding Secretary Tracey Taylor**

- If anything in your directory info changes, please fill out the update form.
- Please let Tracey know if you would like to place an ad in our newsletter.
- Beginning this month, the roster will only be updated monthly before the general meeting.

- **Parliamentarian Kendra Isenhower**

- No report. Kendra will return shortly as we have one bylaw up for vote.

- **Historian Gabby Smith**

- No Report.

- **Board Seat 1, Parade Sara McKinley**

- No Report.

- **Board Seat 2 Ball Nicolle Rayborn**

- Nicolle hopes that the membership enjoyed the theme reveal as much as the committee enjoyed presenting LaShe Life: Elegant & Empowered. Nicolle recognized her hard working committee.
- Nicolle has reached out to OVG this week and they are not ready to begin planning the 2026 festivities.
- Nicolle's next committee meeting will be July 14, 2025. If any of the new ladies are interested in helping plan the Ball, reach out to Nicolle.

- **Board Seat 3 Ways and Means Christine Bramlett**

- Christine invited the membership to purchase her latest items at the Ways and Means store: the Neoprene Beach bag, 16oz party cups, LaShe pearl pin and the Dave & Buster's play cards.
- The scoop on the play cards: The cost is \$20.00 for \$20.00 in play at Dave & Buster's. The cards do not expire, and they can be reloaded at any location nationwide. Christine's tip-Wednesday is half priced game day! Please support the organization and get your cards tonight.
- Reminder: This month and next month are your only chances to place your layaway order. Haley is set up in the back to take your order. It is tax free with a 25% down payment.
- Christine thanked the membership for their continued support.

- **Queen Melissa Davis**

- No Report

Committee Reports

- **Float Review-Summer Frahm**

- The committee has plans for a great event. If you are interested in planning Float Review, please reach out to me.

- **Audit (2024-2025) Patsy Ownby**
 - At last report, the audit was incomplete. It was reported that copies of several items, documentation for a cash deposit and contract information were required.
 - The committee met with Jamie Lowe, Cindy Bishop, Melissa Davis, and Stacey Jessee on May 29, 2025, to resolve this matter. Documentation for the cash deposit and contract information were provided.
 - The final audit is complete.
 - On June 4, 2025, Patsy met with Stacey, Cindy, Jamie and the new audit chair, Jan Barbato, to hand over the Audit Book.
 - Patsy thanked her committee, Waneva Ivy and Danetta Bean, her Board Rep Queen Melissa, and Past Treasurer Cindy.

- **Float Captain Chair-Bridget Dixon Moseley**
 - All float spots are full. Bridget has placed 34 temp riders so far this year.
 - She will fill additional spots as they become available.

- **PR/Special Events-Bridget Dixon Moseley (for Lisa Bullock)**
 - There are jars on the tables and those will be placed at every meeting this year. Please help support the Ronald McDonald House by placing tabs from can in those jars this year.
 - The June spotlight charity is Camp Seale Harris. This organization provides a summer camp for children with diabetes. It helps the kids learn how to manage their diabetes and care for themselves while allowing them to enjoy being a kid. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 to cover the camp fees for one child for a week of overnight camp but the camp needs additional funds to cover other costs such as food and activities. Marissa McManus expanded on the camp.
 - Marissa McManus shared her son, Jeremy's journey realizing there was something going on with his health to the diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes (insulin dependent). Jeremy has been attending Camp Seale Harris for eight years.
 - The counselors help kids learn about the foods they can and cannot eat while assisting with activities fun activities that make the camp so much fun.
 - Jeremy has raised \$2,150.24 this year. This will allow him and three other campers to attend the camp.
 - Bridget asked the committee to "pass the hat" and for the members to help in raising our goal for Camp Seale Harris.
 - Next month our spotlight organization will be Foster Together Gulf Coast. We will be collecting school supplies for those children.

- **Layaway-Haley Clough**
 - Layaway is set up in back taking orders. There are some items on display for you to choose from. There are a variety of items without the logo that can be purchased for other organizations. The artwork in the Lookbook are the actual items.
 - If you spend at least \$500.00 on layaway and pay in full, you will receive a free set of ball tickets.

- Layaway is tax free with a 25% deposit at the time the order is placed.
- Orders will only be accepted during the month of June through the conclusion of the July General Meeting.
- **EOC-Danetta Bean**
 - The committee is working hard to make sure that the EOC is absolutely wicked. They are offering business and personal ads to showcase on a monitor. See a committee member if you are interested in an ad.
 - The committee needs donations for raffle prizes which will be greatly appreciated.
 - For \$5.00 you may purchase a chance to win a ticket to the event. See your Room Rep for your event tickets for Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Locale.
 - Danetta recognized her 30 committee members.
- **Recommendation Committee-Faye Olensky**
 - Faye is currently gathering her committee.
 - Faye will have a suggestion box at the General Meeting, or you can give your suggestion to her. Please remember that this will be a suggestion box, not a bitch box.
- **Costume Committee-Marissa McManus**
 - Marissa thanked Room 7 for the wonderful Queen and Emblem party and for the beautiful cutting board gift.
 - Marissa thanked those members that got measured last month and tonight.
 - Marissa asked Queen Melissa to step forward to draw for the Floats that will then draw for the costume colors. The Floats and their colors are as follows:

Float E	Red Bottom Red
Float A	Mardi Party Green
Float L	French Maid Black
Float D	Midnight Madame Black
Float G	Gucci Green
Float F	Dolly Pink
Float C	Rockin' Blue
Float J	Lily Pulitzer Pink
Float K	Tiffany Blue
Float B	Royal Purple
Float M	Champagne Dreams
Float N	Chenelle Pink
Float I	Dior Pink
Float H	First Lady Blue
Associates	Blue Belles
Chairmen	Passion Purple

Unfinished Business

- The Locale will be the location for our General Meetings for the remainder of the year. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Please note-the General meetings will be held on Tuesdays. This was the least expensive venue that would accommodate our membership. The monthly rental is \$650.00.

- Cindy told the membership that correspondence has been received regarding the resignation/status change of Gail Vogtner. The Boards clarification response is as follows:
 - The Executive Board would like to address a concern raised regarding the handling of Gail Vogtner's membership status.

On February 15, 2025, at 11:04a.m., President Melissa received an email from Ms. Vogtner requesting resignation. Later that same day, a special Executive Board meeting was held (not in response to the resignation). No action regarding Ms. Vogtner's resignation was taken at that time.

At 1:23p.m. on the same day, President Melissa responded, inquiring whether Ms. Vogtner would consider honorary status-a precedent in past cases. Due to the ongoing requests to update and publish membership rosters, Ms. Vogtner was mistakenly removed from the roster, and it was posted.

On February 28, 2025, Ms. Vogtner submitted a written request to change her status to honorary. This request was reviewed and approved by the Executive Board on March 7, 2025.

To clarify: No resignation from Ms. Vogtner was ever accepted by the Executive Board. Her removal from the roster was a clerical error. Per our bylaws (Article 2, Section 17C), request for membership status changes must be done in writing and submitted to the president. Status changes will become effective at the annual meeting.

To prevent future clerical errors, rosters will be published monthly instead of immediately after each change.

We trust this clears up any confusion and the board considers this matter closed.

- Laura Bethea came forward with a question. She was advised that she could bring this matter up under new business. Laura told her that it was brought up under old business and she had the right to bring it up as such. Cindy told her to bring it up at this time would require a Point of Order.
- Laura Bethea called for a Point of Order.
 - **Laura Bethea**-She was granted the floor. She stated that this has nothing to do with Ms. Gail and that she thought Gail was wonderful. This was about the Board following procedures. Robert's Rules state if action is taken, then the resignation stands as such. The room was notified, the rosters were updated, she was removed from the PQ/PE Facebook page. Action was taken. In accordance with our bylaws, she must submit a request for reinstatement to the membership. She should be removed from the roster and a reinstatement must be submitted.
 - **Jamie Lowe** stated that she made the mistake and that Gail should not be punished for a mistake that Jamie made.
 - **Joanne Taite**-this is not punishment. There were a lot of mistakes made. She asked if this happened to her, would she be treated the same way.
 - **Cindy Bishop** cited Article II Membership, Section 17C that states: Request for membership status changes must be done in writing and submitted to the President. Status changes will become effective at the Annual Meeting. Float Seniority is forfeited when moving to a non-riding status.
 - **Toy Hollingshead**-Toy stated that Laura asked to see minutes/documentation and was not provided such. There was no proof received that was requested. Cindy Bishop stated that the Board was going to provide the minutes, but we have not had a chance to do so yet.
 - **Marsha Herrin**-She stated that resignation is resignation and status change is status change. Gail sent in a resignation letter and the Board cannot vote to accept or not accept it. On the 14th, she wrote it. We have rules. Marsha believes that this was a favoritism.

- **Ashley Adams**-Status changes are not effective until the annual meeting. We have made exceptions before: Kay Prichard, Candice Bolton, Charlotte Tingle, Jessica Lang, Stacey Henderson, Jennifer Dowling are some of them. The President was bombarded with hateful email and pressured to update rosters. If we remove Gail, then we should remove the others.
- **Melissa Davis** stepped down from the Board-She felt that her word does not mean anything. She acknowledged the mistake and took responsibility. Marsha attacked her integrity, morals and her word. Again, she admitted that she made a mistake. She asked if the membership wanted, then make a motion to remove her.
- **Laura Bethea**-She again stated that this was not personal. She is questioning whether the bylaws are being followed. Laura addressed Ashley and said that if all of that happened, she was not aware of it. The Executive Board oversees us, but this can be brought to the organization, and the bylaws have not been followed in a long time.
- **Renee Boyes**-Murdo-She has been a member a long time. She joined for sisterhood. We are supposed to support each other and not tear each other down. The bylaws/rules should be followed. But the annual meeting had not occurred.
- **Julie Johnson**-This had nothing to do with Gail. Were the minutes provided? When did she request them? She has served with some of these Board members. She added five additional years of service to the Board. She has been a member for 33 years and it breaks her heart to see this happening. When she was president, Les Simison called her to the floor because she did not follow the rules. She admitted it. She appointed Maxine for a position on the Board that she should not have. She screwed up. Julie addressed Cindy and said that this is not personal. The membership wants to make sure that everyone is treated the same. Julie addressed Melissa and said that she deserves this crown, and she wants to see her wear it. This is about protocol.
- **Kanja Weldy**-She has served on the Board multiple times and knows the difficulty. If someone asks, they are not attacking you, they just want to know. She addressed Melissa and said that this is a forum to get things answered. Everyone needs to be treated the same-no favoritism. We need to get back to that. We need to have confidence that the Board works for every member.
- **Cindy Bishop**-Gail was not the only one that we did this for. Donna reminded me that Stacey Dew was a member that we did this for. The minutes were asked for in April. We had to look for them and we need time to look again. Next month if you all would like, we will.
- **Kim Naron**-When status changes are submitted, why are some accepted?
- **Barbara Evatt**-If there is a status change throughout the year, are they still allowed to vote?
- **Laura Bethea**-Resignations mean they are done and gone. They are removed from the roster, and they must be reinstated if they want to get back in. Rules must be followed. Everyone should be treated fairly. It is a hard job, but it is your job.
- **Brenda McDonald**-If before the annual meeting you decide to leave, have we made exception to the rules before? Some get out and are blacklisted if it is before the annual meeting.
- **Ashley Gillespie**-If you resign and want to come back in December, can you be reinstated? Aren't you then placed on the associate list?
- **Robin Brown**-The Board volunteers their time for these jobs. They do need to be told when they are wrong. We need to end the discussion and make a motion or move on.
- **Laura Bethea** made a motion to overrule the Board's decision to allow Gail's status change to go honorary. Toy Hollinghead seconded the motion.
- **Cindy** asked for discussion. Members were divided on whether we should return to discussion.
- **Jennifer Jordan**-question procedure and objected to further.

Cindy Bishop called for a Break at 8:25p.m.

Meeting called to order at 8:44p.m.

- **Cindy** addressed the motion on the floor. The election committee will pass out ballots that have a yes, no, or abstained response.
 - **By voting yes**, you agree that the decision made by the Board should be overturned resulting in Gail being removed from the roster.
 - **By voting no**, you agree that the decision made by the Board should be upheld and Gail will remain on the roster.
- **Kanja Weldy made an Incidental Motion to postpone the vote until we investigate parliamentary procedure. Ashley Gillespy seconded the motion.**
 - Election Chair Cassie Knorr proceeded with a standing count.
 - Yes, to incidental motion-32.
 - No to incidental motion-69
 - Abstained from incidental motion-14.
 - Motion failed.
- **Cindy** asked everyone to stand to get a new ballot (printed on a different colored paper. Cindy again clarified the vote.
 - **By voting yes**, you agree that the decision made by the Board should be overturned resulting in Gail being removed from the roster.
 - **By voting no**, you agree that the decision made by the Board should be upheld and Gail will remain on the roster.
- Votes were cast and collected by the election committee.
- Cindy called for any unfinished business (3 times)

New Business

- Cindy asked that members stand to receive ballots for new members.
- Votes were cast and collected by the election committee.
- Cindy asked the members to stand to receive ballot for bylaw change.
- **Robin Brown made a motion to read only the changes to the bylaws. Kim Naron seconded the motion. Majority in favor, 1 opposed; motion passed.**
- Kendra read the bylaw.
- **ARTICLE XI-FINANCE**

Current:

Section 5. There will be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine for each member who fails to get measured on time. All out of town members will be required to mail measurements to the Costume Committee no later than August 1 or a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine will be imposed. There will be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) fine for each member who fails to attend the costume fitting on the assigned date set forth by the Costume Committee and the member will be required to take costume "as is" unless prior arrangements have been made with the Costume Chairperson. (5-20-99)

Proposed:

Section 5. There will be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine for each member who fails to get measured on time. All out of town members will be required to mail measurements to the Costume Committee no later than August 1 the date set forth by the Costume Committee or a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine will be imposed. There will be a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) fine for each member who fails to attend the costume fitting on the assigned date set forth by the Costume Committee and the member will be required to take costume "as is" unless prior arrangements have been made with the Costume Chairperson. (5-20-99)

Reason:

Vendors are selected annually through a bidding process, and the timeline for measurements may vary depending on terms of the awarded contract. To ensure the completion of these requirements, an agreed date should be established by the Vendor, the Board, and the Costume Committee and subsequently communicated to the membership promptly.

- Cindy called for any discussion.
 - Wendy Howell asked if there would be any exception. Cindy stated that it would be addressed on a case-by-case basis. No one will go without a costume.
- Cindy asked if there was any more new business (3 times)
- The Election committee left to count votes.

Break 9:11p.m.

Call to order 9:32p.m.

Announcements

- **Voting results:**
 - **New Members:** There are 9 new members. The new members are:

Shelby Brockman	Mary Ricciardi	Rachel Lauren Aune
Laura Smith (Stokes)	Christie Lynne Gurka	Victoria C. Rester
Melinda G. Maghupoy	Victoria Thomas Simison	Constance L. Morse
 - **Bylaw results**
 - Article XI-Finance, Section 5 (regarding Costume measurement date): **PASSED**
 - **Motion to overturn the Board decision regarding Gail Vogtner's membership.**
 - **Motion failed**-Gail will remain on the rosters.
- **Suzanne Miller** asked to be recognized. This has already been an exceedingly difficult year. We will have disagreements. We now must move on. Let's find our better Angels.

Suzanne Miller made a motion to adjourn. Julie Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Diaz
OOL Recording Secretary