

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM COMMITTEE MEETING
June 25, 2015

The meeting of the Department Americanism Committee was called to order by Beverly List, Chairman in Sterling Heights, Michigan, on June 25, 2015 in the Orchard Room. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Chairman Beverly List, Pat Kirchen, Carl Atkinson, and Mel Adams. Absent B.J. Arnold.

GUESTS: 13 Guests

Districts Present: 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,11,12, and 18

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Read:

Motion by Adams supported by Atkinson to approve minutes as read. Passed.

Business:

Chairman List talked about the lack of attendance at the workshop on CPR's done at Winter conference in Flint. We may have another workshop at our next Winter conference.

Scouting Chairman, Atkinson gave a written report which is attached. Briefly he stated he had met with Commander Wallace on how to get more posts involved in scouting activities. He also announced the "Eagle Scout of the Year" award went to Zachary Utecht from Falmouth, Michigan. For the past 2 years, we haven't had any applicants for the Square Knot award. We currently have 70 scout units chartered by the American Legion Michigan Department and 57 posts with a scout unit.

Question arose regarding an applicant not being from a Legion charter group or eligibility from a veteran. Carl stated the applicant should meet one of these criteria to be considered eligible to apply.

Boys State Chairman Jerry Kelley talked about Boys State which concluded last week. 272 boys attended this year and he stated it would again be held at Northwood University next year. He is now able to have 5 staff help him during Boys state and this will be discussed with the Department. If any post requests a visit to talk about Boys State, Jerry would be happy to meet with them. We had 11 applicants for the Samsung scholarship. 1 boy is going ton to National for consideration. Past National Commander Turner is not the Program Director for Boys Nation.

Law and Order – No report.

Education & Scholarship – No report.

Baseball – No report.

Mel Adams reported on the Shooting Program. It was suggested we have a shooting area set up at Sault Ste Marie next year. Chairman List will pursue this will the

Department. A request was made to her to include skeet shooting in the program. It was decided not to add skeet shooting at this time.

Adjournment:

No further business, meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM to consider CPR's submitted for awards.

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly List, Chairman

Pat Kirchen, Secretary