



**AMERICAN LEGION
BOYS STATE COMMITTEE
February, 14, 2014**



The meeting of the Department Boys State Committee was called to order by Jerry Kelley, Chairman at 9:04 AM., Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Flint, Michigan. The following people were present

MEMBERS: Dave Wheeler, Jerry Kelley, Edward Merritt, Brian Morrison, John Burke, Mike Holley - Present, Tom Ranta (Excused)

GUESTS: 13 Guests Present.

National Commander, Mike Helm, was introduced by John Skinner NEC.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Wheeler and supported by Morrison that the minutes of the Fall 2014, meeting of the Department Boys State Committee be approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter for new volunteers – reviewed
2. Proposal from Northwood and GVSU – visit to GVSU to occur in July and decision made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Changes to Educational Staff
 - a. 2015 – At least four Senior Staff Members will be leaving at end of 2015 Boys State Program. The proposed 2016 Boys State Educational Staff will shadow and be mentored by those leaving. Legion/SAL volunteers will also work with the staff leaving and the new staff.
 - b. 2016 – The New Educational Staff and the Legion Staff will work in concert for the 2016 program and beyond.
2. It was moved by Wheeler, seconded by Morrison to name Mike Stoll as the new Educational Director. Motion carried.
3. Pricing of Boys State for 2016 will be made after 2015 Boys State and visit to GVSU.

Reports from the committee members were made.

Chairman's Report-

1. Brochures (New)- available to Posts, want to make sure all committee members have some.
2. Conferences -Michigan School Counselors -Nov 1-2 -Michigan Social Studies-Nov 6-7 were attended with a Boys State booth.
3. Posters for National Guard Units- are available to those that want them.
Have posters for schools and Posts.
4. 501(C)3 – waiting on IRS approval

For the good of Boys State

5. Need everyone to sell Boys State
6. Introduced Girls State Co-chairpersons.
7. John Mella presented the UP bus schedule for Boys/Girls State

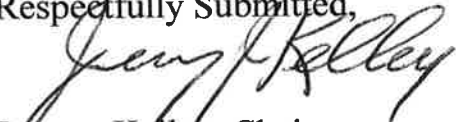
Note: Resources on the website (Poster, Sample Letters from Post 28, etc)
Posts set up at Schools Career Night on Boys State & Girls State
Yearbook is great recruiting tool. 2014 Yearbooks are available for \$20 each

Committee will promote electronic media as attendees are using this technology.
Photo release will be edit to list social media.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry J. Kelley, Chairman