

Department Children and Youth Committee Meeting
September 25, 2014

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Geiger at 10:00 a.m., September 25, 2014, in the Ambassador Room at the Holiday Inn in Muskegon, MI.

MEMBERS: Ron Geiger, Chairman, Keith Tyler, Rodney Galbraith, Bill Clark and Butch Noel excused.

MINUTES: The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee from 2013 Fall Conference were read. Motion by Bill Clark and supported by Rodney Galbraith. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Clark, supported by Keith Tyler to elect Rodney Galbraith as Vice Chairman of this committee. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: This committee will continue to support the Dictionary Project approximately 45 Posts are involved with more interest every year. We hear about all the great stories from the school, teachers and the students. Let me know if you need any information.

Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital is having their Torch Relay Walk Sunday, October 5th, 2014 on the Detroit river walk Rivard Plaza.

P.D.C. John Skinner introduced leading candidate for National Commander Dale Barnett. He gave us his views of Legion programs.

Temporary Financial Assistance Program did well last year, lets continue to move forward.

Consolidated Post Reports dropped from 58% last year to 51% this year. The incentive plaque for the highest district turning them in is being dropped. A motion by Bill Clark to discontinue supported by Keith Tyler. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: It is the committee's hope that each district adopt the Tabs for Tots Program and continue business as before. Educate the community of what Tabs for Tots is really about and great success could be achieved.

Children and Youth pins 2014-2015 are available from committee members for \$3.00. Please help support our programs. A motion was made to award money for 2 Boys Staters, 2 Student Trooper and 1 Girls Stater candidates and a \$400 fuel stipend for the U.P. Association bus for Boys State. Motion by Rodney Galbraith and supported by Bill Clark. Motion carried.

Chairman Geiger took the opportunity to attend the National Children and Youth Conference last weekend in Indianapolis, it was by far the best one I have attended.

A session on Internet Crimes Against Children was exceptional. The instructor gave a great overview of what is really happening in our new tech world and of ways to help protect our children. For more information, you can go to the website at www.ICAC.com.

Another program was Young Marines – what they do and their mission in supporting the youth of America that are from 8 years old through high school. More information at www.youngmarines.com.

Each Department was asked, what programs were performing well and let the other Department know. Department Chairman Geiger provided information on the Department Tabs for Tots Program and Dictionary Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that this meeting be adjourned at 11:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Geiger".

RON GEIGER, Department Chairman