

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20, 2013

The meeting of the Department Children & Youth Committee was called to order by Chairman Ron Geiger at 10:00 a.m. at Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Geiger, Keith Tyler, Vernon Noel and John Shirkey

EXCUSED: Rodney Galbraith and Bill Clark who is attending National C & Y Conference in Indianapolis

GUESTS: 3

MINUTES: The minutes from June, 2013, were read and accepted.

Motion by John Shirkey, supported by Keith Tyler, to elect Rodney Galbraith as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

NEC John Skinner introduced Leading Candidate Michael Helm from the Department of Nebraska. He talked about the importance of the Legion programs and will speak on them at the DEC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The Student Dictionary project will still be promoted by the committee. Any posts involved keep on supporting it and anyone needing information please contact Chairman Geiger or any committee member.

NEW BUSINESS:

A National program, Temporary Financial Assistance, is going to be the highlighted program of this committee this year. A great need to educate on the post level that there is help available to the children of veterans if they qualify. To be eligible the veteran's dates are the same as our membership. Once again, contact Chairman Geiger or any committee member.

The Child Welfare Foundation Banner Program/and the Save Our Pennies and Spare Change for the Childrens Miracle Network will be supported by this committee.

CPR's: Motion by Shirkey, supported by Tyler, to award top District participation at Department Convention. District Commanders need to let the posts know the importance of these reports. National Commander Dillinger's goal is 100% turn in. Last year there were 10 Departments that achieved 100% and 7 Departments at 75%. The Department of Michigan had 58.3% last year.

The Children & Youth Committee is once again raising funds through pin sales. Please support us and get your pins to support C & Y programs.

The funds we have raised enable us to assist other programs. Motion by Shirkey, supported by Noel, to make monies available for 2 Boys State, 2 Student Trooper, and 2 Girls State candidates. Motion carried.

Discussion as to possibly changing the Tabs for Tots program. It is the feeling of this committee that the program has been very successful, however, that each District could take care of it on their own, get more post involvement, and more publicity without Department's involvement. There will be more discussion with Department before a decision will be made.

In closing, this committee is not asking the posts to be involved with every program. Pick one, do it well, and report what you did.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Geiger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ron Geiger, Chairman

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