

## DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 21, 2012

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

**ROLL CALL:** Ron Geiger (Chairman), John Knox, Keith Tyler, Vernon Noel, John Shirkey and Rodney Galbraith (excused absence due to him representing the Dept. of MI at the National Children and Youth Conference).

**GUESTS:** 10 present

Motion by Butch Noel and supported by Keith Tyler to elect Rodney Galbraith as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from Department Convention meeting were read. A motion by John Knox and supported by Butch Noel to accept. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A plaque was presented to the 11 District at the Department Convention for the most Consolidated Post Report turned in 83.3%. There was a motion made by John Knox and supported by Keith Tyler to award a plaque again at next year's convention to the District participating the most. Let's make Michigan a 100% Department. WE CAN DO IT!

**NEW BUSINESS:** A letter was read from Drew Boyd who was sponsored by the Department Children and Youth Committee to attend Girls State (she is from the 5<sup>th</sup> District) about her experience and memories that she will always cherish and is eternally grateful to the Legion for providing her with that opportunity.

NEC Thomas Holzgen introduced Dan Dillinger from the Department of Virginia, he is the 2013-2014 leading candidate for National Commander and gave his views about the importance of The American Legion programs.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Banner Program where a Post make \$1 per member from the last membership report in May 2013. The Post would then send in their donation to CWF and in turn receive a certificate and the banner to display; any question, contact me.

The dictionary project of putting a dictionary in every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader's hands is a program that this committee is supporting again this year. I will be handing out pamphlets and other material at the schools of instruction tomorrow about the great program.

A proposal for an American Legion Soccer Committee was discussed and a motion by John Knox and supported by Keith Tyler to proceed with a resolution. Motion carried.

John Knox, who is on the National Children and Youth Commission discussed the Children's Miracle Network pennies for each year of your age program as a way of supporting the Children's Miracle Network.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

RON GEIGER, Chairman

KEITH TYLER, Secretary