

## DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 16, 2011

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee was called to order by Ron Geiger, Chairman at 9 a.m. in the Salon G room of the Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy, Michigan. The following people were present:

**MEMBERS:** Ron Geiger (Chairman), John Knox, Keith Tyler and Ron Gilmer (excused).

**GUESTS:** 6 present

A motion by Keith Tyler supported by Chairman Ron Geiger to elect John Knox as Vice Chairman of the Children and Youth Committee. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from Department Convention Children and Youth Committee meeting were read. A motion to accept was made by John Knox and supported by Keith Tyler. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A motion made by John Knox supported by Chairman Ron Geiger to change the reviewing of Consolidated Post Reports for awards from the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of June at Department Headquarters to the Thursday of the annual Department Convention wherever it may be held. Motion carried.

Temporary Financial Assistance Program to help needy families is the most overlooked program that National has to offer. Posts at the local level know who the needy are and need to contact the committee or Deanna at Department if more information is needed.

State Commander Dick Chapman and NEC Thomas Holzgen presented Jim Koutz leading candidate for National Commander. He gave his views of the importance of the Children and Youth Programs.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Consolidated Post Reports; Department has only been receiving half of the story of what each Post does throughout the year. Last year, we received 248 out of 444 or 55.85% turn-in. As a way to promote more turn-in, we are asking District Commanders in their Post visits to get the word out on the importance of turning in these reports by the June deadline. As a reward, the top District with the highest percentage of turn-in would receive a plaque stating the achievement of their goal. The last place in percentage of turn-ins will receive acknowledgement of last place in turn-ins at Department Convention. I know that no District Commander would want to be acknowledged in last place. Motion by John Knox supported by Keith Tyler. Motion carried.

As Department Chairman, my program this year is to support the Child Welfare Foundation 100% banner Program, \$1 per member according to the last membership report before convention. A way of raising these monies would be to have 50/50 raffles and no Post funds would have to be used.

2011 children and youth pins are available for \$3 a pin from the Children and Youth Committee members to support our youth programs.

Pete Satterthwaite, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander, made a presentation about the Student Dictionary. He said these dictionaries could be made available to third graders, where each student would receive one. This could be a great program for Posts to get involved with to support children and youth. The cost would be \$42 for a case of 24 books. This is a tax deductible donation. Motion by Keith Tyler supported by John Knox. Motion carried.

There are only 3 District Chairman and 43 Post Chairman for Children and Youth turned into Department. District Commanders, we need to have a chairman from each District as a contact person to make our programs work.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by John Knox and supported by Keith Tyler that the meeting be adjourned at 9:54 a.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

RON GEIGER, Department Chairman