

## **DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 26, 2015**

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Convention Committee was called to order by Ron Geiger, temporary chairman in Adam 1b Room in the Sterling Inn at 8 a.m.

Election of Chairman and Secretary: It was moved by Bill Clark and supported by John Knox to elect Ron Geiger as permanent Chairman and Ted Martyn secretary. Motion carried.

District present: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19

A quorum was present.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Knox and supported by Bill Clark that the minutes of the June 27, 2014 Children and Youth Convention Committee be approved as read. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Temporary financial assistance – there were 7 families awarded assistance this past year for a total of \$7,668 and 3 families were denied.

Child Welfare Foundation continues to be supported by Posts and a big salute to the SAL who contribute approximately \$25,000 annually through their fundraisers.

Childrens Miracle Network – Rodney Galbraith spoke on who the contact person is at Beaumont Hospital and that Auburn Hills and 18<sup>th</sup> District made a donation to the Children's Miracle Network.

The Dictionary Project – Approximately 45 Posts in the Department have promoted this project this year. I continue to be acknowledged by the Dictionary Project Organization for the American Legion, Department of Michigan Children and Youth Committee for us promoting them and the project. Also get pictures and P.R. if you promote it.

Children and Youth Pins - \$915 was raised from the sale of 300 pins. Thank you for your support.

A 50/50 at Winter Conference raised \$177 for Children and Youth. Dave Wheeler of Post 258 Grand Rapids worked the other half.

The funds raised by the pins 50/50 and other contributions made it possible to award monies for 2 Boys Staters and 1 Girls Stater and 2 Student Trooper candidates and a \$400 fund stipend for the UP Association bus to transport boys and girls to the two programs.

A big thank you to the Legion family for supporting Children and Youth.

Tab's for Tots – An over-all consensus of the Districts have taken over control of their own programs for Tab's for Tots Program. This program is for the Legion family and help from other

organizations to keep pulling tabs for kids. Also, don't forget to send pictures to Department and get P.R. for what you do.

On Thursday, June 25, the Children and Youth standing Committee reviewed CPR's. We had a total of 248 Posts turned in for 63.3%, last year was 51%. Congratulations but Michigan can do better. The 12<sup>th</sup> District had 86% turned in, congratulations.

There was no resolutions to be acted on.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, a motion by Bill Clark, supported by Bob Higley to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Geiger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "G".

RON GEIGER, CHAIRMAN

TED MARTYN, SECRETARY