

Minutes of the Convention Economic Committee Meeting

Chairman Gerald Merrell Called the Meeting Called to order 8:40am Friday June 28 2013 at the Kewadan Casino Hotel / Conference Center in the Maple Island Room.

Committee members Present: Gerald Merrell, Fred Hollister and Donald Connor.

Districts represented 2nd, 6th 10th 12th 16th & 17th

Guests: Mark Walker from Washington DC

Old Business None

Resolutions for review None

Minutes from the June 29th 2012 Convention meeting were reviewed, Motion made by Don Conner to accept seconded by Robert Maynard Minutes accepted.

New Business: Chairman Gerald Merrell talked about the Economic award winners which will be presented later today at the opening of the convention. Our Homeless Veteran Outreach award winner Craig Tillman from the Homeless Veteran Taskforce has also won the National Economic award.

Also mentioned: the three bills passed by Governor Snyder which allow veterans with have worked in certain skilled trades to be licensed by the State of Michigan. Lets keep up the good work!

Mark Walker talked about the American Legion National Economic Committee Work on In- State tuition rates for returning veterans, and increasing the graduation rates for veterans who enroll in college. SAP and GE have partnered with the American Legion to hold workshops so veterans can be better prepared for jobs.

Chairman Gerald Merrell discussed upcoming hiring our heroes' events, and the upcoming event in Detroit on July 16th. Local posts are encouraged to participate.

With no further business Meeting adjourned 9:15am