

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
September 23, 2016

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee was called to order by Chairman Ron Geiger at 9 a.m. in the Ambassador Room of the Holiday Inn, Muskegon, MI.

Salute to the colors was given.

MEMBERS: All committee members present

GUESTS: 9

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 24, 2016 Convention Committee were read. A motion by Butch Noel and supported by Keith Gardner to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Butch Noel to elect Rodney Galbraith Vice Chairman. Supported by Peter Satherthwaite. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Temporary Financial Assistance – Chairman Geiger spoke that last year the program did exceptionally well. However, in talking with the National Staff, some of the denials last year could have been resubmitted because of the lack of some information so our goal this year is to help remedy these problems with better communication.

The committee would like to see more Posts become involved with the Banner Program of giving \$1 per member to CWF on your last membership count in May. This supports Children and Youth.

The committee is now in its 5th year of promoting the Dictionary Project. There is more involvement of more Posts each year. Our goal is that the first recipients are now 8th graders and in a couple of years, they could compete in the Oratorical Contest. I have hand outs if anyone is interested.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Geiger spoke on Junior Shooting Sports. There is much interest in the Department. He advised all those interested to attend the class on Junior Shooting Sports on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Wayne Blank was in Indianapolis last weekend for the National Conference and will be chairing the school.

Children and Youth pins for 2016-17 are now available from committee members. They remain \$3 per pin. Once again, the monies we have raised from the pins, silent auctions, 50/50's and donations from the Legion family. We will be able to support 2 Boys State, 2 Girls State, 2 Student Trooper candidates and also once again a \$400 fuel stipend for the UP Association to defray the transportation costs for Boys and Girls State. Keith Gardner made a motion and supported by Peter Satterthwaite. Motion carried.

All of last year's allocations were used.

I had the opportunity to attend the National Children and Youth Conference in Indianapolis last weekend. A overall summary of the programs was presented to those attending and to take that information back to your Posts and Districts.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Keith Gardner and supported by Butch Noel that the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

RON GEIGER, DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
RODNEY GALBRAITH, SECRETARY