

Department of Michigan
Membership Committee
September 20, 2013

The membership meeting for the department of Michigan was called to order September 20, 2013 Boyne Highlands in Room C of the main lodge at 11am

Committee members present Larry Money Chairman, Mike Bruntjens UP Membership and Ronald Runyan DMS Coordinator and 31 guests were present

Motion by Runyan Supported by Bruntjens to elect Larry Money permanent chairman, Motion Passed

Motion Bruntjens and Supported to elect Runyan secretary, Passed

Minutes from the department membership meeting held at State Convention June 29, 2013 were read Motion Bruntjens, Support Runyan to accept as read, Motion Passed

Chairman Money spoke on the "Just Ask" video on CD's and a short portion of the video was watched by all attendees

Spoke about the importance of this information and that these CD's are available to be taken and distributed

Chairman Money discussed the National Membership workshop, held meetings with Department commander Moore and no National Commander Dillinger about membership goals and ideas on working membership

NEC John Skinner introduced leading candidate for National Commander Mike Helms, Mr. Helms spoke on the importance of membership and how it is the most important thing above all else, without membership we can't have programs

Chairman Money then spoke about the membership incentives for 2013-2014:

- 1 – The 10,20,30 program is being reinstated for recruiting members
- 2 – Commander Moore will be having a commander's pin for members who recruit 3 new members
- 3 – National commander will have a pin for 5 new members and a coin for 15 new members recruited

The year the membership team will be setting up at Boys State registration to provide membership and benefit information to parents about the American Legion, possibility to also do this at Student Trooper

Mike Bruntjens reports on UP membership and how the focus will be on new membership

Ron Runyan spoke on DMS and how to get these members from Post 225 into local post and how this helps the local communities, more information will be provided tomorrow at the membership school of instruction. Also encourages all commanders and adjutants to be on MyLegion.org and attend that school tomorrow as well

Al Ford PDC and Post Revitalization chairman spoke on the post that have been visited recently and many more have been scheduled. The listing of these will be in the Michigan Legionnaire paper. Asked for any volunteer to come out and assist post that are doing revitalizations

Chairman opened up the floor to questions from the members on issues such as:

- 1) Getting newer veterans to join
- 2) How the current members records and the IRS will affect post in the state.
Chairman Money answered this question to the best of his ability but suggested that this be addressed or asked at tomorrow's School of Instruction with the National Judge Advocate Phil Onderdonk

Lastly Chairman Money encouraged everyone to attend tomorrow's school of instruction from 1pm-2pm in the Green Room in the conference center

No further business to come before the committee, adjourned 12:10pm

Submitted Larry Money Chairman