

CONVENTION NEW POST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 29, 2012

The meeting of the Department New Post Development Committee was called to order by Al Ford, Temporary Chairman in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 29, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Prairies 5 Room.

Election of Chairman & Secretary

Al Ford was voted as permanent Chairman and Jan Roy as temporary Secretary. Motion carried.

DISTRICTS: 2,4,5,6,7,10,11,12 &17

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Butch Noel, Keith Gardner, Jan Roy and Al Ford

REPORT

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2011 Convention meeting was approved.

Rules of procedure outlined by Al Ford.

Places to form Post – high school in city.

Work with Districts and Posts to revitalized and recruit members. Main concern of this committee. Contact chairman of this committee.

Committee to visit three times the following year for new posts formed and report on status at the Spring and Fall Conference and the Department Convention. Help new posts function.

Committee also checks into cancellation of charters. District Commander and chairman must sign requests to merge or cancel charters. Chairman does intensive review of status of these posts. Chairman recommends pro or cons to cancel charters.

Reed City has requested to turn in charter – has 2400 population and Chairman feels we should check into this situation.

The past year the committee revitalized 5 posts starting in Ypsilanti with 104 new members in 2 days. Kalkaska had bad snowstorms that weekend revitalized members at their headquarters.

Caseville – 7th District revitalized. Also Hartford in the 4th District. Problems there and bad vibes for citizens there. Post is now working hard to make it work.

Revitalization in Gladwin – 26 new members.

Since 1998 the Committee formed 67 new posts and revitalized 44 posts.

Some posts with low membership are successful. ~~Offer help to revitalize on doing good work regarding posts in UP.~~

Remember that the different types of members in various locations. Each post operates differently.

Main reason were not expanding is that veterans are not asked.

~~Vets in the posts no certain age or war era.~~

101,000 Legionnaires 20 years ago, since then we are down 30,000. This year we are 3000 down. The following reasons for not joining were offered by the audience.

They can't afford it, not asked, don't know they're eligible to join.

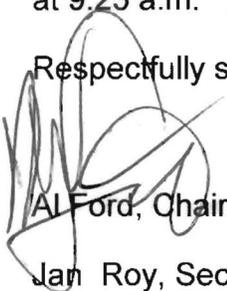
Discussion of advantages to joining Legion and recruiting ideas. Focus on student veterans and benefits of joining. Posts could start Legion Riders program.

Also visit reserve centers in various cities. Often help to those drilling there.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Al Ford, Chairman

Jan Roy, Secretary