

MINUTES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 1, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.
Department Executive Committee Room

1. Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.
Chairman Adkins opened the meeting of the Department Children and Youth Commission at 12:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation, Al Buxton, 4th District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Adkins led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Chester Kendzierski, 1st District Chairman- EXCUSED
Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
Al Burlingame, 3rd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Al Buxton, fill in for 4th District Chairman- PRESENT
Al Beyer, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT
Carrol Liston, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
Paul Sands, 7th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Robin Johnson, 8th District Chairwoman- NOT PRESENT
Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Andy Adkins, Department Chairman- PRESENT
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Robert White, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Life, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Richard Wright, 13th District
Hunter Woods, Department Fundraising and Post Activities Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

John Life, 14th District Chairman moved, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Children & Youth T-Shirts- Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the Commission that she has ordered the shirts. The company said they will be ready in a few weeks. The polo shirts for the commission have also been ordered. Last communication with the shirt company was September 23rd.
- b. Sojourners Care Network Update- Robin Johnson has not attend the last 2 meetings so the Commission wants to look into a different group to support. Nationwide Children's Hospital was mentioned, as well as the Girls and Boys Club.

Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Thom Stan 11th District Chairman to have the Department Children & Youth Commission support the Boys and Girls Club in Ohio and donations will be given exclusively for teen suicide awareness.

MOTION PASSED

- c. Suicide Awareness Pamphlet- Rick Garren mentioned that teen suicide by firearm is the most popular form of suicide.

Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman to create the Department Teen Suicide Awareness pamphlet, and let Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator create a rough draft and then give it to the Commission for review for production.

During discussion, Robert White, 13th District Chairman suggested having a go to meeting once Christie creates a rough draft so the commission can have a quick discussion on it and then give the final approval.

MOTION PASSED

- d. Flag Education Comic Book Update- Al Buxton. Al Buxton gave a report on the piolet program regarding flag education for fourth graders. Al suggests that the Commission create this program and have each post order the books and tests from Department just like the A&G Tests. The program will be just for 4th graders and be completed around Veterans Day. He notifies the Commission that the program was a big success. They should be ordered by September 15th so the Posts can get them to the schools and the students can take the test before Veterans Day.

John Life, 14th District Chairman motions, seconded by Thom Stan 11th District Chairman to have the Commission create a resolution to create The Flag Education Test as a Department Program.

During discussion, Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman and John Life, 14th District Chairman offered to create the resolution.

MOTION PASSED

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman suggests letting the Post get their feet wet before making it a Department Program. The Commission agreed that it will be up to the Post if they participate, like the A&G Test.

Robert White, 13th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9th District Chairman to purchase new stickers for the Children & Youth donation cans that will say 2022-2023 Ohio Boys & Girls Club- Teen Suicide Prevention.

MOTION PASSED

8. New Business

- a. Child Welfare Worker of the Year selection- There was only one nomination for the Child Welfare Workers of the Year. It was Caternia Pierce.

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera 9th District Chairman to accept Caternia Pierce as the Child Welfare Worker of the year.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Special Olympics Fall Games- Flag Football- November 12th and 13th across from the Football Hall of Fame in Canton. The Commission was encouraged to attend the flag football game and promote it in their Districts to try and get volunteers to go.

9. Good of the Legion- Bob White, 13th District Chairman wants to compliment the commission on getting so much done at this Commission meeting.

10. Benediction. Al Buxton, 4th District Chairman gives the benediction.

11. Adjourned. Children and Youth Commission meeting adjourned at 12:54 P.M.