

MINUTES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 7, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order at 10:00 A.M.
Chairman Schutz opened the meeting of the Department Children and Youth Commission at 10:00 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation, Ken Schutz, Department Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Schutz led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Harold Landis, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT
Ken Schutz, Department Chairman- PRESENT
John Dugan, 3rd District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Ted Hendren, 4th District Chairman- PRESENT
Kenneth Parsons, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT
Roger Friend, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
7th District Chairman- VACANT
Don Capps, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT
Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Andy Atkins, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
George Bradley, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Robert White, 13th District Chairman- EXCUSED
John Life, 14th District Chairman- EXCUSED

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading of Previous Minutes
Rick Garren 12th District Chairman moved, seconded by Roger Friend, 6th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. 2023-2024 Donations
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Can Stickers- Christie White, Department Children & Youth Coordinator notified the Commission that Department has the can stickers and program stickers. National no longer

has cans, so it is suggested that each chairman take stickers and put them on coffee cans or boxes in each post in order to cut cost.

- b. Flag Program Paperwork- The paperwork for the Flag program was reviewed. Packet “mailed to Posts to Order”.

Ted Hendren, 4th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Ken Parsons, 5th District Chairman, to approve the memo and order form, and adding \$1.00 per book/test and adding wording that states the price can be adjusted yearly based off of National emblem sales pricing.

MOTION PASSED

“Mailed with booklets” packet, memo, grading instructions, test, answer sheet, and booklets were discussed. The memo paperwork was discussed. The Appreciation and Award Certificates- it was suggested to add “Posts will be responsible for awarding and recognizing the schools”. Post Award Certificates- it was suggested to add that “District Children & Youth Chairmen and District Commanders will be responsible for awarding and recognizing the Post winners (1 4th grade boy, 1 4th grade girl)”. Department will email a certificate template to the District Children & Youth Chairs and District Commanders.

Andy Atkins, 10th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Joyce Hannum, 9th District Chairwoman, to add “Posts will be responsible for awarding and recognizing the schools” to the Appreciation and Award Certificate paragraph and “District Children & Youth Chairmen and District Commanders will be responsible for awarding and recognizing the Post winners (1 4th grade boy, 1 4th grade girl)” to the Post Winner Certification paragraph.

MOTION PASSED

Discussion was had about how to handle the answer sheets. The Commission agreed that one answer sheet should be given to each Post.

Ted Hendren, 4th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Kenneth Parsons, 5th District Chairman, to approve the packet of things that will be mailed with the Booklets to include the revised memo, grading instructions, tests, answer sheet and booklets.

MOTION PASSED

- c. Child Welfare Worker of the Year- September 15th deadline. There were no applications turned in. The commission suggested moving the date in order to get applicants, as long as they are voted on before the December DEC meeting.

Andy Atkins, 10th District Chairman motioned, seconded by Roger Friend, 6th District Chairman, to extend the deadline for The Child Welfare Worker of the Year until November 15th and the Commission will have an email vote to decide on the winner before the December DEC meeting.

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- d. Special Olympics Volunteers- Harold Landis, 1st District Chairman attended the Softball Tournament. Ken Schutz, Department Chairman attended the Equestrian Event. The only event left is Flag Football in Geneva on October 28th and 29th. Donations should be sent to the local chapters and not at the National Special Olympics website. Homage is selling shirts for Special Olympics and a percentage of shirts sold are donated to Special Olympics.
9. New Business- Flag program was discussed. For now, the winners stop at District level until all the kinks are worked out since it is a new program. Eventually the winners will come to Department level and awards will be discussed.
10. Good of the Legion- Don't forget to keep sharing the Teen Suicide Pamphlets.
11. Benediction. Ken Schutz, Department Chairman gives the benediction.
12. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.