

MINUTES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING OF
MARCH 13, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order at 11:00 A.M.
Chairman Atkins opened the meeting of the Department Children and Youth Commission at 11:00 A.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation, Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Atkins 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- PRESENT
Frank Morrow, 4th District Chairman- EXCUSED
Al Beyer, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT
Carrol Liston, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
Paul Sands, 7th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Robin Johnson, 8th District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Andy Atkins, Department Chairman- PRESENT
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- NOT 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

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman moved, seconded by John Life, 14th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Children & Youth T-Shirts- Robin Johnson, 8th District Chairwoman will get a few quotes in her area. Commission members will also get quotes. Christie White, Americanism and Children &

Youth Coordinator will email the Commission the Ohio Children & Youth logo and the previous minutes for the shirt discussion.

John Life, 14th District Chairman motions, seconded by Al Beyer, 5th District Chairman to decide on shirts with quotes at the Standing Commission Meeting. If there are no quotes, shirts will not be tabled again, and the subject won't be revisited.

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- b. Bob White, 13th District Chairman mentions that the Commission can do a silent auction at Department Convention in order to raise funds for Children & Youth. A Gun raffle was also brought up. Commission Chairmen will go into their communities and see if they can talk to local gun shops about donating for a gun raffle.

Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman motions, seconded by Bob White, 13th District Chairman to investigate resources in their local communities to get a gun for a gun raffle, and requests that the Children & Youth Commission are able to hold a gun raffle at Department Convention, manned by the Commission, and the proceeds will benefit the Ohio Children and Youth.

MOTION PASSED

8. New Business

- a. Child Welfare Worker of the Year- Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator discussed with the commission how Department envisioned for the of the year awards.

John Life, 14th District Chairman motions, seconded by Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman that the Children Welfare Worker of the Year deadline be changed to reflect that the nomination packet needs to be sent to the District Chairman by August 1st, Department by September 15th, and will be voted on by the Commission at Fall Conference.

MOTION PASSED

9. Good of the Legion

- a. Robin Johnson, 8th District Chairwoman shared with the Commission the things that the 8th District is doing in their communities. Al Burlingame, 3rd District Chairman asked if Department could mail the CPRs for the convention judging committee ahead of time like they always were. Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman suggests that the Chairmen ask the Posts in their District to send them a copy of their CPR so they can start judging them early.
- b. Children and Youth Suicide Awareness was mentioned since it was one of the main focuses of the Commission this year. Commission would still like to see a representative come talk to the Children & Youth Commission on the children side and the VA&R Commission on the veteran side about suicide awareness. John Life, 14th District Chairman will go to Akron Children's Hospital to see if they have resources or brochures that we can use to create our own suicide awareness brochure. The Commission will contact their local children's hospitals and people they know in the medical field to see if they have resources regarding youth suicide. Then the Commission will send all their information to Christie so she can take all the information and create a brochure.

10. Benediction. Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman gives the benediction.

11. Adjourned. Robert White, 13th District Chairman motions to adjourn the meeting. John Life, 14th District Chairman, seconds the motions. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.