

MINUTES  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION  
MEETING OF  
JULY 16, 2022, at 12:00 P.M.  
Department Headquarters- Library

1. Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.  
Chairman Atkins 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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- NOT PRESENT  
Ken Schutz, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Al Burlingame, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Al Buxton for Frank Morrow, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Al Beyer, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Carrol Liston, 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Paul Sands, 7<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- NOT PRESENT  
Donald Capps for Robin Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Andy Atkins, Department Chairman- PRESENT  
Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Rick Garren, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT  
Robert White, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- EXCUSED  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman- PRESENT

**Guests Present:**

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator  
Ted Hendren, 4<sup>th</sup> District Post 199

6. Reading of Previous Minutes  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman moved, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

**MOTION PASSED**

7. Approval of Commission Minutes  
John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Al Buxton, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to approve the commission rules.

**MOTION PASSED**

## 8. 2022-2023 Donations

- a. Rick Garren, 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to keep the 2022-2023 Children & Youth Commission donations to Sojourners Care Network.

Discussion was had. Ken Schutz asked if we can ask Robin Johnson to send us a report on the program and what they are doing. Robin has not been at the last few meetings, so the commission would like her to send a program report so they are up to date on how the program is doing.

Motion amended by Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman, that the commission will table deciding on who the 2022- 2023 donations will be raised for until a progress report is given on Sojourners Care Network. Al Buxton, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**MOTION PASSED**

## 9. Unfinished Business

- a. Children & Youth Shirts- First quote, full color on front and back. Tshirts without pockets- \$12. Tshirts with pockets- \$15. Polos without pockets- \$18. Second quote, one color. S-XL tshirts without pockets- \$6.50. Polo without pocket- \$15.

John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to go with the first quote, pending approval of a loan from the Finance Committee. The order will be 25 smalls, 25 medium, 50 large, 50 x-large, 50 2x-large, 25 3x-large, 25 4x-large. Shirts will be sold for \$20. Christie will order one Large polo to see how Legionnaires like them, and they can pre-order those for \$25.00.

**MOTION PASSED**

John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motioned, seconded by Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to order each member of the Commission a polo shirt with pockets to wear in their posts.

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Child Welfare Worker of the Year- applications need to be sent to Department by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Teen Suicide Awareness pamphlet- Commission discussed creating a pamphlet on Teen Suicide Awareness to hand out. There was a sample that the Commission was given to review. Akron Fire Department announced a new nationwide suicide hotline by calling 988 to be connected to mental health support. Department will create their own pamphlet and bring it to be reviewed at the Fall Meeting. Al Burlingame asked that every Commission member bring things they want in the suicide awareness brochure to the fall meeting and the commission will create one.
- d. Children & Youth Commission want to have a table at Mid-Winter. Department will try and get brochures from National Headquarters to put on the table.
- e. Ken Schutz mentioned that a gun raffle was discussed at the last meeting, for a fundraiser. Commission members went to some local places to see if they can get a gun donated, and there was no luck.

Thom Stan, 11<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions to table the gun raffle discussion, depending how the t shirts sell. John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman seconds the motion.

**MOTION PASSED**

10. New Business

- a. Special Olympics Donation- Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by Ken Schutz, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman, to donate \$25,000.00 to Special Olympics.

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Al Buxton wanted to discuss a program that Indiana does, on Flag Education. This is a test for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders. It is a educational comic book for students to read, and a test for them to take afterwards.

Jose Rivera, 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairman motions, seconded by John Life, 14<sup>th</sup> District Chairman to have the 4<sup>th</sup> District be a “pilot program” and then report back to the commission how they passed out materials, and administered the test. Then the Commission will decide if they need to adjust anything or want to carry the program forward.

**MOTION PASSED**

11. Good of the Legion- Convention Committees were discussed. John Life also mentioned that William Fast has stepped down as the 14<sup>th</sup> District Children and Youth Chairman. John Life is replacing William Fast.

12. Benediction. Al Buxton, 4<sup>th</sup> District Chairman gives the benediction.

13. Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 P.M.