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## Gifts for Yanks Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Department of Ohio HQ - Delaware, Ohio

### 1. Open

Gifts for Yanks Committee opened in regular form at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at Department HQ. Invocation given by Ken Ellis (4<sup>th</sup>).

### 2. Appoint Secretary – John Barnhart (7<sup>th</sup>)

### 3. Roll Call

District	Name	Present	Absent/Excused	Voucher
1	Chester Kendzierski	Present		Yes
2	Paul Maurer	Present		
3	Robert Steggemann	Present		Yes
4	Ken Ellis	Present		Yes
5	Darrell Bishop, Chair	Present		Yes
6	Daniel Goodman	Present		Yes
7	John Barnhart	Present		Yes
8	Robert Schmoll	Present		Yes
9	William Keller	Present		
10	Holly Lewis		Excused	N/A
11	Floyd Burk	Present		Yes
12	Jerry Laird		Absent	N/A
13	Stanley Popek	Present		Yes
14	Joyce Hannum		Excused	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	

### 4. Guest

Roger Friend, Department Commander

Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant

Jermaine Ferguson, Department GFY Coordinator



## 5. Chairman Opening Remarks

- a. Due to another year of decreased financial contributions the sub-committee reviewed our policy to requiring GFY Program to buy only American-made products. National has a resolution urging Post and Departments to buy American-made but allows one to purchase foreign-made products if at they are of same quality and at a lower price. Therefore, the sub-committee decided to find the best quality product at the lower price no matter if its foreign or American-made. The GFY Program will strive to buy products from veteran-owned and/or from companies that produce American-made items.
- b. Patients receiving care at our VA Medical facilities and Ohio Veterans Homes are our #1 priority. Therefore, the sub-committee decided to slightly increase our GFY Holiday Gift Distribution and slightly decreased our VAVS investments. Later in this meeting, we will present our budget proposal.
- c. Now, I would like to honor our distinguished guest and allow our Department Commander and our Department Adjutant to give brief remarks, if they so wish.

## 6. Department Commander Remarks

- a. Thank you for what you have all done to support the GFY Program. I know funding has been an issue these last few years, but this committee has continued to make GFY a strong program. Keep on doing a great job.

## 7. Department Adjutant Remarks

- a. I understand the work you all do on this committee, especially since I had the privilege to work with you all these past few years. I understand that there is not a shortage of veterans needing care but a shortage of volunteers in our VA medical centers and Ohio Veterans Homes. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Gifts for Yanks Program.



## 8. Review Sub-Committee Minutes

- a. Chairman Bishop presents the sub-committee minutes to the committee, reviewing sections at a time.
- b. **2019 Holiday Gift Selection**
  - i. Chairman Bishop presents the Holiday Gift Selection to the committee.
  - ii. A motion was made by Floyd Burk (11<sup>th</sup>) to publish Department HQ phone number and Department Service phone number on the pill box and seconded by Stanley Popek (13<sup>th</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**
  - iii. Discussion was had regarding the vendor bid process and the two bids placed on the bookbag. A motion was made by Daniel Goodman (6<sup>th</sup>) to purchase the bookbag – for this year and this year only – from the cheapest vendor; in the following year, the committee will only honor vendor bids submitted by the deadline and seconded by Robert Steggeman (3<sup>rd</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- c. A motion was made by Floyd Burk (11<sup>th</sup>) to accept the sub-committee minutes and seconded by Paul Maurer (2<sup>nd</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**

## 9. Proposed Budget for 2019-2020

- a. Chairman Bishop presented the proposed budget for 2019-2020.
- b. Ken Ellis (4<sup>th</sup>) made a motion to amend the holiday gift per veteran from \$30.00 to \$26.00 and seconded by Robert Steggeman all in favor. **Motion Passed.**

## 10. Committee Rules & Policies

- a. Committee took a few minutes to review proposed committee rules and GFY Program Policies.

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- b. A motion was made by Ken Ellis (4<sup>th</sup>) to amend Section: Distribution of Funds subpoint B from:

New VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) will be entitled to an appropriation of \$3,000 in their initial year and \$1250 in subsequent years.

to be:

New VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) will be entitled to an appropriation of \$1500 in their initial year.

and seconded by Stanley Popek (13<sup>th</sup>); much discussion, 10 ayes, 1 nay (13<sup>th</sup>).  
**Motion Passed.**

- c. A motion was made by John Barnhart (7<sup>th</sup>) to add subpoint F to Section: Distribution of Funds to read, “Vet Centers will receive a budget of \$500 for request to be submitted during the special project timeframe.” And seconded by Stanley Popek (13<sup>th</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- d. A motion was made by Floyd Burk (11<sup>th</sup>) to accept GFY Program Guidelines as amended and seconded by Stanley Popek (13<sup>th</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- e. A motion was made by Stanly Popek (13<sup>th</sup>) to accept GFY Committee Rules and seconded by Paul Maurer (2<sup>nd</sup>); all in favor. **Motion Passed.**



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## 11. Department Liaison Update

- a. Jermaine Ferguson gave a fundraising update. The GFY Program brought in \$189,139.71 FY18-19.
- b. Jermaine Ferguson gave an expenditure update. The GFY Program current expenditure balance is \$128,378.42 for FY18 – 19.
- c. Jermaine Ferguson gave a finance update.
  - i. The GFY Chase Account balance is \$175,857.31.
  - ii. The GFY Ameriprise Investment account balance is \$390,825.43
    1. \$250,000.00 is restricted in case of a catastrophic fundraising year.
    2. \$100,000.00 was originally allocated for Cleveland Fisher House. That contribution was paid out of the GFY Chase Account and can be requested to be transferred from Investments to Checking Account at this committees' request. At this time, this amount will stay in investment account.
    3. \$40,825.43 is currently Growth and Income balance.
- d. Jermaine Ferguson reviewed VAVS Accounts and informed the committee VAVS account balance reports will be mailed out in the month of June.

## 12. GFY Post Fundraising Goal

- a. Jermaine Ferguson, Department Liaison proposed that the committee review the Post fundraising goal to see if an adjustment is required to increase Post engagement. Much discussion.
- b. A motion was made by Chester Kendzierski (1<sup>st</sup>) to set post fundraising goal to \$0.50 per member and seconded by Stanly Popek (13<sup>th</sup>); much discussion; 5 yeas, 3 nays, 1 abstain. **Motion Passed.**

13. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**John Barnhart, Secretary**

**Darell Bishop, Chairman**