

Gifts For Yanks Committee Meeting

Held Virtually Via Teams on September 14th, 2023

1. Call to Order at: 6:15pm
2. Salute the Colors
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call

District	Name	Substitute	Attendance
1	Joe Navarre		x
2	Brenda Clerk		
3	Robert Steggeman		x
4	Craig Whitham	Ken Ellis	x
5	Darell Bishop		x
6	Gary Cox Jr.		x
7	Lorena Nichols		
8	Robert Schmoll		x
9	William Dittebrand		Excused
10	Holly Lewis		x
11	Floyd Burk Jr.		
12	Traci Washington		
13	James Lockyer		x
14	John Kowalchik		

6. Guests: Hunter Woods, Department Membership, PA Coordinator.
7. Chair Opening Remarks: Holly Lewis (D10)
 - a. Thank you for attending this meeting.
8. Review of Previous Minutes
 - a. Gary Cox Jr. (D6) Motions to approve 06/15/2023 minutes; second by Joe Navarre (D1); all in favor; motion carried
9. Old Business
 - a. Gift Card Return
 - i. Holly Lewis (D10) informs the committee that after running the remaining gift cards through emblem sales, \$18,696.60 was deposited into the GFY account.
10. New Business
 - a. This Year's Gift (2023-2024)
 - i. Hunter will research other companies to purchase cards from to include pricing and length of use. Hunter Woods will also create a spreadsheet with all the information for the committee to vote on.

- b. Rules of the Committee
 - i. Gary Cox Jr. (D6) Did not see any changes that needed to be made. Joe Navarre (D1) agrees. Darrel Bishop (D5) suggests the following; Program Guidelines section B and distribution of funds change to 1,000. Eliminate section f and have Vet Centers send in for special projects. Eliminate sections E and G under Holiday Gifts. Eliminate Post Certificate under Convention Awards. Categories under Convention Awards be changed to 15-200, 201-650, 651 and over. Add a special award for Posts that gives 5K or more to Convention Awards. Guidelines distribution section A. change verbiage to provide the facility with a check to be placed in their account.
 - 1. Darrel Bishop (D5) motion to pass; Gary Cox Jr (D6) second; motion carried
 - c. Travel and Meeting Budget (Set by Finance Committee)
 - i. Holly Lewis (D10) informed the committee of the set budget for meetings. Hunter Woods will ask Finance about the \$119 spent in August.
 - d. Letter to Post for Donations
 - i. Holly Lewis (D10) will draft a letter to send to each of the Post reminding them its \$1 per member. Hunter will send a letter to each facility saying how to apply and what qualifies with deadline to Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Chillicothe, George Town, and Sandusky.
11. Good of the Legion
- a. Hunter Woods will complete a census by November 1st, 2023, so the committee will know how many gift cards to order for this year's gift.
 - b. Gary Cox Jr. (D6) Motions to have an in-person meeting on November 19th, 2023, from 11 am to 1 pm; Joe Navarre (D1) seconds; Motion Carried.
12. Benediction
13. Salute Colors
14. Adjournment: 6:52pm