

MINUTES
CONVENTION CORPORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 7, 2020
10:00 A.M. DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.

Commander Friend opened the meeting of the Department Convention Corporation Committee at 10:00 A.M.

2. Salute to the Colors

The Colors were saluted.

3. Invocation- Adjutant Heller

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Friend led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Roll Call: Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Roger Friend, Department Commander
Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant
Brad Teis, Department 2nd Vice Commander
Kristen Little, Auxiliary President
Kelly Gibson, Auxiliary Secretary
Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Gwen Zulch, Auxiliary Convention Corp- Conference Call
Jean Wilson, Department 1st Vice Commander- Conference call

Guests Present:

None

6. 2019 Convention Recap-

We had an AAR. No need to hash out what we liked and didn't like anymore

7. 2020 Convention Discussion

Kristen Little said Gwen Zulch was calling on getting a shuttle from their convention hotel to the convention center to have a joint session on Friday night. Auxiliary already signed a contract with their hotel, so they are looking into what may happen if they break their contract and move to the Legion hotel. Auxiliary has open schedule for Friday night, so a joint session is possible. We need the number of delegates attending in order to determine seating for the session. Blue Line is the bus company Auxiliary is contacting for buses. Joint session may start at 7:00PM for roughly 3 hours. Cost wise, it would be cheaper

to get 1 bus instead of 2, or breaking the contract. Friday night joint session- Legion/Auxiliary keynote speakers, Department Awards (Of the year), ceremonies, Auxiliary member of the year, Auxiliary service member of the year (they could be Aux keynote speaker). 1st Vice Wilson and 2nd Vice Teis suggests having membership awards on Saturday during the general session. Discussion was had about going to another baseball game or functions outside of the hotel for delegates. Toledo MudHens are not home. We will not provide any out of hotel options, everyone will be on their own (casino, concert in the park, ect). Adjutant Heller suggested bi-weekly/weekly conference calls to hash out the agenda for both parties for convention.

8. Bid review for 2021, 2022, and 2023 Department Convention

Convention dates- we need to stay away from 4th of July weekend. One year at a time, not back to back years. Set up site visits with hotels before they come in and give presentations.

- a. Cincinnati- We need end of June dates, \$10.00 F&B, Tabled for more information
- b. Cleveland- June 25-27, 2021, Holiday Inn Strongsville has lower F&B and better comp rates and rebate. Holiday Inn Cleveland South is 2nd choice. Marriott Cleveland East 3rd choice. Possible closer overflow hotel to the main hotel. February 24th site visit?
- c. Dayton- Ask for a 1:30 and \$10.00. Dayton Convention center possibility? Check out Crowne for Legion and Marriott of Auxiliary. Pricing for each hotel, and meetings in the convention center. February 20th in Dayton for site visit?
- d. Sandusky- prices are too high. Tabled for future years.

Christie will contact each CVB with the changes we would like to see in the proposals, request a site visit, and ask for them to come in and give presentations.... All before the April DEC meeting. 2nd Vice Teis suggested to also select a backup location for each year.

Site selections- April 2021, August 2022, December 2023 before each DEC meeting

9. Questions for CVB to negotiate.

Christie will contact all CVB with info discussed.

10. Set date/time for CVB presentations

- a. Wednesday March 18th at 9:00AM

11. Unfinished Business- Mid-Winter future site was discussed. Cherry Valley is the only location that has bid. If we try a new location, try it for one year before signing a five-year contract.

12. New Business- None currently.

13. Salute the Colors

14. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 11:43AM

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