



GIFTS FOR YANKS, COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 10am to Noon

Department HQ, Delaware OH

Mintes

1. Open

- a. Salute Colors – Prayer - Pledge of Allegiance, Darell Bishop (5)

2. Appoint Secretary – Robert Weiler (3)

3. Roll Call

- a. Chet Kendzierski – Absent Excused (1)
- b. Mike Homan (2)
- c. Bob Weiler (3) Substiting for Bob Steggeman
- d. Jim Jennings (4), Post 194 Chairman GFY, Substitute for George Monroe
- e. Darell Bishop (5), Chairman
- f. Roy Terry (6), Charles Armstrong (6), Substituting for James Welsh (deceased)
- g. John Barnhart (7), Absent
- h. Mick Williams (8)
- i. Bill Keller (9), Substitute for Lanny Swiger
- j. Ed Long (10), Substitute for Holly Lewis
- k. Floyd Burke, Jr. (11)
- l. Jerry Laird (12)
- m. Stanley Popek (13)
- n. Dale Luzader (14)

4. Open Remarks, Chairman Bishop

- a. VAVS Reps & VA&R Reps overlap in function with the GFY Committee
- b. Promotional Video – Distribute to the GFY Committee
- c. Committee went around the room and introduced themselves discussing their branch of service and why they are serving the Legion to promote camaraderie within the committee and spark unity. Excellent conversation.

5. Program Details, Chairman Bishop

- a. Fundraising status – Reviewed and discussed Susann Ratschke Estate Donation. It was recommended by the Committee that we research more who she is and then present an idea on how to honor and thank her for the \$22,252.17 donation. Director Price agreed to investigate.
- b. **Expenditures:** No discussion on current accounts.

- c. **Accounts:** No discussion on current accounts.
- d. **Budget:** Reviewed the sub-committee budget listed on the minutes, nothing further was discussed.
- e. **Holiday Gift Distribution 2016:** No discussion.
- f. **Holiday Gifts 2017:** Presented blankets and committee decided on lowest bidder for the blanket. Agreement was for gold screen print with Legion emblem and Gifts For Yanks written in Harrington.
 - i. Stanley Popek mentioned a long handled shoe horn with a back scratcher. I will investigate with Kapco.
 - ii. Items selected:
 - 1. Blanket - \$12.00
 - 2. Duffel Bag - \$5.00
 - 3. Cards - \$2.15
 - 4. Planner - \$2.00
 - 5. Word Search - .90
 - 6. Shoe Horn w/ Back Scratcher – investigate
 - iii. Motion to accept the selection of Gifts. Stanley Popek (13) motioned, Charles Armstrong (6), seconded. Discussion was held. MOTION PASSED.
- g. **Special Projects:** Reviewed Special Projects sub-committee decisions.
- h. **Policies:** See below “fundraising goal”. Changes to policies are annotated there.
- i. **Marketing:**
 - i. Chairman Bishop (5) discussed tagging items provided by the program with the stickers and stick on plates that have our logo and name on it.
- j. **Goals for 2017-2018:**
 - i. Department Liaison Suzette Price (12) mentioned providing a dated outline and marketing materials of the GFY program for the different levels of those who utilize, fund, and benefit from the program based on

6. Old Business:

- a. The donation plaques were changed and so will the Department Winners and the 5K or more. Director Price agreed to forward the proof for the plaque design to the GFY committee prior to ordering for approval.
- b. Ed Long (10) made a motion to eliminate the five GFY Post membership categories of A-E to mirror the Department membership categories of small, medium, and large. Bill Keller (9th) seconded the motion. Discussion was had. MOTION PASSED.
- c. Sub-Committee to review program brochures and marketing materials. Motion was to accept the formation of the sub-committee as outlined in the sub-committee minutes by Charles Armstrong (6), seconded by Mike Homan (2). Discussion was made and the recommendation was to create the guide similar to the Post Officers Guide where it is divided into sections. MOTION APPROVED.

- d. Fundraising Goal: Charles Armstrong (6) presented motion to change the fundraising time frame within the Department GFY Committee Policies under section (I) to reflect the August DEC to August DEC each year. Mike Homan (2) seconded. Discussion was presented. MOTION APPROVED.
 - e. Motion: The fundraising goal for 2017-2018 is \$260,000.00. Charles Armstrong (6) motions, Mike Homan (2) seconds. Discussion was presented. MOTION APPROVED.
 - f. Chairman Bishop encouraged the committee to be aware of the VET Centers in their areas and to stop in and make a connection and relationship with the leadership at those locations.
 - g. Chairman Bishop reminded committee of the Veteran Homeless Program within GFY and that each of the five (5)VAMC locations can receive up to \$2,000.00 towards their homeless veteran program. Take pictures and send to HQ
7. **Good of The American Legion:** No further business
8. **Closing – Prayer – Salute:** Chairman Bishop closed the meeting at 12:38pm with prayer and salute to the flag. The committee then received their plaques and pins, along with the leftover GFY items from last year.

Approved 5/23/2017
Darell Bishop, Chairman