

MINUTES
ORATORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2021
10:00 A.M.
Department Library

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

Chairman Looker opened the meeting of the Department Oratorical Committee at 10:00 A.M.

2. Salute to the colors

The colors were saluted.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Looker led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members present:

Conner Evans, 1st District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
John McJunkin, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman- PRESENT
John Looker, Oratorical Chairman- PRESENT
5th District Chairman- VACANT
Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
Patricia Dewees, 7th District Chairwoman- PRESENT
Robert Schmoll, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT
Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Edward Long, 10th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Richard Johnson, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Stanley Popek, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
Howard McClain, 14th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

6. Reading/Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman moved to accept the previous minutes, Patricia DeWees, 7th District Chairwoman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

7. Approval of Committee Rules

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman moved to accept the rules of the Oratorical Committee, Stanley Popek, 13th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

8. 2021 Contest Review- Chairman Looker and John McJunkin notified the committee that Ohio's contestant that won, received a \$5000 scholarship from National because they did not hold a contest because of Covid.

9. Edit Department Contest Packet- Department Award money was discussed. Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator suggested leaving the scholarship amounts the same since the committee decided to change the contest this year to make sure there are 14 contestants. We will see how the contest goes and reevaluate and revise the money afterwards.

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions to accept Christie's suggestion of keeping the scholarship money at \$2,500.00 for 1st place, \$1,500.00 for second place, and \$2,500.00 divided for the remainder of the contestants for this year and the committee will reevaluate after the 2022 contest. Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions that the District contests need to be concluded before March 27th, 2022, and the Department Contest will be held April 10th, 2022, at 10AM at Department Headquarters. Robert Schmoll, 8th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION ACCEPTED

- a. Assigned Topics- Amendment III, Amendment VIII, Amendment XIV Section 3, and Amendment XXV Section 4

10. Contest Dates

- a. District
 - i. 2nd District- February 26th, 2022
 - ii. 3rd District- March 20th, 2022
 - iii. All other Districts will check with their Districts at their Fall Conference and will let Christie White know.
- b. Department- April 10th, 2022 @ 10AM
- c. National- April 22-24, 2022

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- a. March Meeting Date

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions to have the Spring Oratorical Meeting on January 22nd, 2022 @ 1:00PM in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference. Stanley Popek, 13th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

- b. Chairman Looker mentions a booklet called “The Key to the Constitution” produced by Patriotic Education Inc. They are a good reference guide for the Committee and contestants. The booklet is \$5.00 apiece.

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions for Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator to purchase 25 booklets for the committee out of the committee’s budget. Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

William Carpenter also mentions to the committee that this year might be his last year on the committee. As long as his health allows, he will continue. He still plans on finding a replacement that is willing and eager to keep the excitement in the District for the Oratorical Program and help to train them.

13. Good of the Legion- Chairman Looker would like to get a group photo of the committee that is present today. Christie will check with National on getting a speech and debate contact list and home school contact list from them.

14. Benediction

Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman gave the benediction.

15. Adjourned-

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM. Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED