

MINUTES
ORATORICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 3, 2020
1:00 P.M. DEC Room

1. Call to Order 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Looker opened the meeting of the Department Oratorical Committee at 1:00 P.M.

2. Salute to the colors

The colors were saluted

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Roy Terry, Department Co-Chairman

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Roll Call: John Looker, Oratorical Chairman

Members present:

Stan Oren, 1st District Chairman- 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-
Robert Schmoll, 8th District Chairman-
Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman*- PHONE CONFERENCED IN
Edward Long, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
Victor Smith, 11th District Chairman-
Thomas Rowe, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Betterson, 13th District Chairman-
Robert Carson, 14th District Chairman- 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, Robert

Carson, 14th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION APPROVED

7. Approval of Committee Rules

William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions to accept the committee rules. Stan Oren, 1st District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

8. 2020 Contest Review- Discussion was had about the 2020 Oratorical Contest being virtual. Committee thought it went well and were excited to hear all the contestants. National is having a live competition for 2021. Departments can't compete at National unless they have a live competition as well. Nationals deadline is March 15th, so Department Oratorical will be March 7th.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman, motions to hold the Department Oratorical Contest on Sunday March 7th, 2021 at 10:00AM. Tom Rowe, 12th District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Assigned Topics were discussed. Assigned topics will be Article I, Section 7; Article II, Section 3; Article III, Section 1; and Amendment XXII, Section 1.

10. Contest Dates

a. District Contests-

District 1- February 7th

District 2- Feb 21st

District 3- Feb 21

District 4- Feb 21

District 5-

District 6- Jan 31

District 7-

District 8-

District 9- Feb 7

District 10- Feb 21

District 11-

District 12-

District 13-

District 14- Feb 7

b. Department Date- Sunday March 7th, 2021 at 10:00AM

c. National Date- April 10th and 11th, 2021

11. National Oratorical Contest-

a. Wyndham Indianapolis West

b. You can sign up and volunteer through legion.org. They have added sexual abuse training and background check requirements to all National Volunteers. They also have National Speech and Debate contacts for each state. National asks that oratorical contests do not hold their contest that conflict with speech and debate dates. Committee would like all contestants to be able to add their information to ohiolegion.com and an email is sent directly to Christie,

John, and Roy to send out to the committee member in that district.

12. Unfinished Business-

- a. Leave the prize money the same amount. 1st place- \$2,500.00. 2nd place- \$1,500.00. 3rd place- \$2,500.00 divided. Committee will leave the high school dates and county dates up to individual schools and counties, specifically because of Covid-19. District contestants will need to be into Department by February 22nd, 2021. Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator will edit the Department Oratorical packet to reflect the 2021 contest and send it to all the Oratorical Chairmen as well as update the website.

13. New Business

Robert Carson, 14th District Chairman makes a motion for the Oratorical committee to have their next meeting on February 6th at 1:00PM. Stan Oren, 1st District Chairman seconds the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

14. Good of the Legion

John Looker mentions that the city of Mason is being dedicated as a Purple Heart City. They will have purple heart flags hung as well as veteran banners.

15. Benediction

Roy Terry, Department Co-Chairman gave the benediction.

16. Stan Oren, 1st District Chairman, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:54. William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman seconds the motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED