

MINUTES
RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21ST, 2023
12:00 P.M. DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

1. Call to Order 12:00 P.M.
Department Chaplain Distel opened the meeting of the Department Religious Emphasis Committee at 12:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation by Chaplain Distel.
4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplain Distel led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Appointment of Secretary

John Turner, 9th District Chaplain, motions, seconded by John Murphy, 13th District Chaplain to have Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator to be appointed as secretary.

MOTION PASSED

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

Members present:

Ron Distel, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT
James Fast, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chairwomen- PRESENT
Steve Lieurance, 4th District Chairman- EXCUSED
Dennis Teynor, 5th District Chairman- PRESENT
Mel Cantrell filling in for James Crawford, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
Holley Robinson, 7th District Chairwoman- NOT PRESENT
Bryan Vance, 8th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Turner, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT
Frank Barnes, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
Bob Welsh, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
John Murphy, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
Dennis Antonino, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Jacob Marx, 14th District

7. Reading of Previous Minutes-
Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chaplain motioned, seconded by Bryan Vance, 8th District Chaplain to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

MOTION PASSED

8. Approval of Committee Rules-
John Murphy, 13th District Chaplain motioned, seconded by Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chaplain to approve the rules of the Religious Emphasis Committee.

MOTION PASSED

9. Welcome and Opening Remarks- Chaplain Distel introduces himself and thanks the committee for attending.

10. Father John Duffy Award- Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the committee that each District Chaplain needs to submit a Chaplain for the Father John Duffy Award. Chaplain Distel discussed with the committee that each Chaplain needs to talk about these awards at their District meetings. The Father John Duffy nominees need to be given to their District Commander 10 days prior to the Summer District Convention.

Melissa Fowle, 3rd District Chaplain motions, seconded by Dennis Teynor, 5th District Chaplain to change the Father John Duffy Post Award to say "District Summer Convention" and designating only 1 District winner.

MOTION PASSED

11. Post Chaplains Award- Christie White, Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the committee that each District Chaplain needs to submit a Chaplain for Chaplain of the year.

John Turner, 9th District Chaplain motions, seconded by Frank Barnes, 10th District Chaplain to edit the Father John Duffy Convention award to say, Each District will send in their Father John Duffy Post Award winner to Department immediately following their District Summer Convention. The 14 District Father John Duffy winners will be voted on by the Religious Emphasis Committee and selected as the Department Father John Duffy winner, to be Awarded at Department Convention.

MOTION PASSED

Mel Cantrell, 6th District Chaplain motions, seconded by John Turner, 9th District Chaplain, to have the Post Chaplain Award deadlines will be the same as the Father John Duffy Award.

MOTION PASSED

Discussion was had that the dates for determining the Father John Duffy Award will be District Summer Convention the previous year to District Summer Convention the following year.

12. New Business

- a. Sunday Service for Mid-Winter- Chaplain Distel notified the Committee that he is already planning a 4 Chaplains. Department Convention will have a Catholic Service and Protestant

Service. James Fast, 2nd District Chaplain will do the Protestant Service at Convention. John Murphy, 13th District Chaplain will find the Priest for the Catholic Service at Department Convention.

b. Prayer Requests/ Sick Call- Chaplain Distel attended Ed Andersons funeral, as well as sending out get well cards. John Turner- Bill Conrad passed away, Post 700. John Turner- Mike McClain. Christie White- John Looker. Bryan Vance- Charlie Huber, Post 27 1st Vice Commander. Mel Cantrell- Arther Felty. Frank Barnes- Gary Ickes.

13. Good of the Legion- James Fast, 2nd District Chaplain reminded the Committee that Veterans Day is next month. He gives out certificates to members in nursing homes for Veterans Day. Chaplain Distel suggested contacting the County Veteran Service Office to get eh names of veterans in the nursing homes. Bryan Vance- September 15th POW/MIA Day ceremony with Jessica Lynch in attendance. Malcolm Glasgow- John Looker will be inducted to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Frank Barnes- David Rhodes was selected as Jefferson County Veteran of the Year. John Murphy- Mike McClain's memorial service will be a joint 40/8 and Legion service at 5:30pm on Sunday October 22nd.

14. Benediction- James Fast, 2nd District Chaplain gave a blessing to the Religious Emphasis Committee.

15. Salute the colors

16. Meeting Adjourned. 1:11 P.M. John Tuner, 9th District Chaplain motions, seconded by Frank Barnes, 10th District Chaplain to adjourn the Religious Emphasis meeting.