

MINUTES
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
October 28, 2020
10:00 A.M. Virtual Go-To Meeting

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

Department 2nd Vice Commander Teis opened the meeting of the Department Scholarship Committee at 10:00 A.M.

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

Members present:

Roger Friend, Department Commander- Present
Jean Wilson, Department 1st Vice Commander- Excused
Brad Teis, Department 2nd Vice Commander- Present
Bob Schmitt, Scholarship Committee- Present
Tom Rowe, Scholarship Committee- Present
Russell Bohland, Scholarship Committee- Present
Charles Stennis, Department Treasurer- Present
Andy Adkins, Scholarship Committee-Present
Roy Terry, Scholarship Committee- Present
Bob Weiler, Scholarship Committee- Present
Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant- Present

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Andrew Klingler, Program Administrator

6. Reading of the previous Scholarship Sub-Committee minutes-

Russell Bohland, committee member, motions to approve minutes of the previous meeting. Tom Rowe, committee member, seconds the motion.

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7. Scholarship Material Review

- a. Applications- Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator reviewed changes made to the application based off the suggestions from the subcommittee last meeting. Boxes were added for SAL and Auxiliary membership, as well as scouting. The wording was also changed under the financial section, highlighting siblings. All general information needed for all scholarships is located at the front of the application. Individual requirements for each category are listed under each individual scholarship. Russell Bohland states that a minimum of 400 words needs to be added to the personal statement. Minimum of 400 words needed to be added to the application. Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant

asks that the Scholarship Application be added to the website as a PDF writable version.

Tom Rowe, committee member, motions to accept the Scholarship Application as discussed and amended. Bob Weiler, committee member, seconds that motion.

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- b. Points scale sheet- Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator, reviewed points scale sheet and changes made based of the suggestion of the committee. The changes were; changing the employment score, adding legion program participation, adding income, and adding siblings under 18 living in the same home. There will be 3 categories that will be graded by the committee which will be academic achievements, personal statement, and volunteering. The other 8 categories will be graded by Department. Russell Bohland discussed the addition of the word Family to the point scale.

Brad Teis, Department 2nd Vice Commander, motioned to accept the Points Scale as amended. Tom Rowe, committee member, seconds the motion.

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- c. Instructions/ Guidelines- Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator, explained that there were very minor changes to the Instruction/guidelines packet because all info seems pertinent. The packet explains the history of American Legion scholarships and the history/explanation of each individual scholarship. Christie has added the Legacy Scholarship information and where to find the application to the Surviving Spouse and Child Award. There will be a revised date in the footnotes after the committee approves the changes. The deadline for the scholarship was discussed to be made at the end of the checklist.

Bob Weiler, committee member, motioned to accept the Instructions and Guidelines as discussed and amended. Bob Schmitt, Immediate Past Department Commander, seconds the motion.

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8. Unfinished Business- Russell Bohland, committee member, asked Department Commander Friend if he followed up with the 6th District to see if they will fund the Dona Lanthorn Scholarship every year as noted on the minutes from September 30th. Commander Friend stated that he has not received a response yet but appreciated the reminder. Roy Terry, committee member, notified the committee that at the 6th District Fall Conference, they agreed to fund the Don Lanthorn Scholarship. Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant, asked that the District send in the minutes for documentation of approval.
9. Good of the Legion- NONE
10. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM