

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
September 22, 2017

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee was called to order by Chairman Ron Geiger at 10:00 a.m. in the Ambassador Room of the Holiday Inn, Muskegon, MI.

Salute to the colors was given.

MEMBERS: All committee members were present except Butch Noel.

GUESTS: 8, including Andre' Svacha, Michigan SAL Children and Youth Chairman.

A motion was made by Keith Gardner and supported, to elect Peter Satherthwaite as Vice Chairman and Michael (Sarge) Parr as Secretary. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 23, 2017 Convention Committee were accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS: Temporary Financial Assistance, Posts and investigators did a very good job last year in getting grants awarded.

NEW BUSINESS: This past weekend I attended the 11th annual National Children and Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Programs presented were very beneficial to what we do.

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: At the National C&Y Conference, I was made aware that they award grants to needy children of our Veteran's by calendar year. Grants were awarded in the amount of \$29,620.00 in the calendar year 2016.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION: The Committee is proposing that Posts get involved with the banner program; which will be donating \$1 per member at last membership count in May of 2018. The monies raised from this program and any other donations made go towards grants to non-profit organizations that help our needy children in our community and across the country. These grants usually total approximately \$625,000.00. This year's grants will be awarded at a director's meeting, next week, at National Headquarters.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: The committee is now in its 6th year of promoting this project. Now is the time for Posts that have supported this program to follow up to the children that are now 9th graders to get them involved in our Oratorical Contest. Which was originally our ultimate goal for the project.

SPECIAL GUESTS: NEC Ray Moore, in attendance with ALT NEC John Knox, introduced Brett Reistad, leading candidate for National Commander for 2018-2019. He spoke of what his incentives would be as Commander, and of the importance of what we do for Children and Youth and its programs.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PINS: 2017-2018 pins are available from committee members. They remain at \$3.00 per pin. A motion was made by Peter Satherthwaite to award monies for 2 Boy's State, 2 Girl's State and 2 Student Trooper candidates and also once again a \$400.00 fuel stipend for the U.P. Association to defray transportation costs for Boy's State and Girl's State. ' 1

..... Motion carried.

Flag Manufacturers Association of America Educational Scholarship Program 2018, has scholarships totaling up to \$3000.00 that will be awarded annually. This is a one-time award and not renewable. For information on this contact the Children and Youth Committee.

In completing our Legion year next May, all CPR's (Consolidated Post Reports) need to be sent in to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2018. Even if done on-line please respond by June 1, 2018 with your report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ron Geiger, Chairman
Michael Parr