

DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
September 24, 2010

The meeting of the Department Children and Youth Committee was called to order by Ron Geiger, Chairman, at 9:00 ~~AM~~ PM in Troy, Michigan, on September 24, 2010. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: All committee members except Bob Janoska, who was excused.

GUESTS: 16 present

It was moved by Cuyler and Seconded by Gilmer to elect John Knox Vice Chairman, motion carried. It was moved by Knox and seconded by Cuyler to elect Rod Gilmer secretary. Motion carried.

Minutes:

It was moved by Knox and supported by Cuyler that the minutes of the Convention Committee 2010, meeting of the Children and Youth Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

CPR's discussed again. Fill in at least membership and sign. National is looking for numbers.

Motioned by Knox, seconded by Meskill for District Commanders to send a postcard 30 days in advance, to remind them to send in their CPR's by the deadline.

Tab's for Tots is still alive and well. Make sure to have a spot to use the money when it's your turn, otherwise it will go to another district.

Chairman Geiger reported on National Children and Youth Conference held in Indianapolis.

History of American Legion 4 pillars is available through emblem sales. PR when dealing with the press, always assume the microphones are hot, and always know your issues. Make sure you are current on all discussions. This will always give you the upper hand.

Deployment - OMK

Rural areas are more visible. Support the troops from your community. Don't be afraid to approach WalMart, Sams, Kroger, Meijer for donations of money or items for Children of Deployed Parents. Make sure the press is involved. Always wear your colors. Be

visible and involved with soldiers to be deployed and on their return, support spouses and children while they are gone.

Children also need to know what the American Legion can do for them in regards Scholarships, Oratorical contest, Boys state, Student Trooper, and AL Baseball. Do what fits best and report it.

Children Welfare Foundation

Donate \$1.00 per member for Banner Program for your Post. Last year National raised \$109,000.00 for this program. Report it on your CPR. 100% of all monies donated, goes to the program. Chairman Geiger recognized the SAL for 54% of all donations last year. Children Miracle Network also gets 100% of all monies from donations.

American Legion National Children's Home located in Ponca, OK is asking for donations from AL Posts. They are being funded with 80% funds from State of Oklahoma. With more donations they could regain control if more monies were raised. Chairman has flyers about this. The director has to be invited by Department to speak, but donations can still be made.

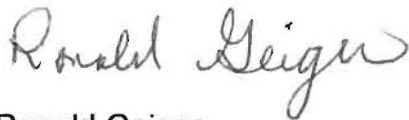
Chairman Geiger had a brainstorming session on goals for the committee.

This is election year. Look for the Veteran friendly candidates, and get out and vote.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Geiger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ronald Geiger