

Department Boys State Committee Meeting
February 21, 2009

The meeting of the Department Boys State Committee was called to order by Jack Helminski, Chairman at 10:00 a.m. in the Ballroom G of the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Jack Helminski-Director
David Wheeler-Vice Director
John R. Nelson
David Wells
Louis Oberle
Mike Holley, SAL Rep.
Nelson O'Bryan, Alternate
GUEST: 10 present

National Vice Commander James Davis of West Virginia brought greetings to the Boys State Committee Meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Boys State Meeting held at Grand Valley Plaza Resort in Midland were read. Motion supported by Mike Holley and seconded by David Wheeler to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial statement for the Boys State Program was read and discussed by Director Helminski. Motion supported by John Nelson and seconded by Louis Oberle to approve the financial statement as read. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a discussion on how successful the Boys State Program was at Northwood University in Midland, MI since it was held there for the first time and the reviews were positive.

Dave Wheeler discussed that Michigan was not the only Department that had to move the location of their Boys State Program and the information was offered at last year's National Boys State Conference due to finances and attendance.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion on the Friday Trip to Lansing regarding to continue bussing down the elected officials and continue holding the government mock session. Discussion on utilizing Midland's government offices and a walk to the courthouse lawn to swear in the elected officials.

Northwood University is going to critique the Boys State Program to see what category and credits they might be able to offer our Boys State attendees.

Motion by David Wheeler and supported by Louis Oberle to contact the Boys State webmaster Dustin Spicuzza to make the Boys State registration form into a pdf that can be filled out online and print out for parent's signatures. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on expanding the sponsorship base by contacting ROTC Programs, civic government youth groups, community newspapers, radio psa's, mortuaries and other Departments in the high schools. Also, find out when the annual school counselors conference is held and inquire to be on their agenda to man a booth to promote the program.

There was a discussion and explanation on the changes to the new Boys State form.

Director Jack Helminski recognized Mike Holley for all his years of service he has given the Boys State Program by presenting him with a plaque.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Motion passed.

JACK HELMINSKI, Director