

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 10, 2010**

The Children and Youth Commission meeting was held at Bloomington Headquarters. Cheri Stanton, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commission members present were:

Bernard White	1st Division	
George Swenson	2nd Division	
Cheri Stanton	3rd Division	
Chella Yeagle	4th Division	Absent
Marlyn Feldhake	5th Division	Absent

Others present were Children and Youth Chairman for the Auxiliary Luella Buske, Delmar Buske, and Debbie Jones.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Special Olympics Program, which will be held June 11th and 12th at Normal, IL. Discussion was held about the food to be brought and the cost compared to last year. Many of the food items are donated, keeping the cost down. Our volunteers can sign up at the tent and pick up their shirts there. An inventory was taken so we know what we need to get.

A motion was made by Bernard White and seconded by George Swenson to donate \$5,000 again this year for a Bronze sponsorship for the Summer Games. Passed It was discussed that we add the SAL logo to the shirts this year. All Children and Youth District Chairmen should have received a list of donation items in the brochure that the Legion sends out. They are to be gathered at Division meetings and taken to Special Olympics. EACH DIVISION AND DISTRICT CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OR MORE DAYS AT STATE GAMES IN NORMAL.

Matt Johnson, a representative from Special Olympics was there to go over orders for popsicles, freezer trucks, refrigeration trucks, small freezers for the popsicles, and start up supplies we usually begin with. Approximately 3,500 Athletes, coaches and family members will be attending Summer Games this year. We added 10 more pounds of sour cream, SAL emblem, more outlets, and parking spaces.

Auxiliary Department Chairman of Children and Youth, Luella Buske told about the Christmas Program and how 2,077 children in state homes received a \$5.00 gift certificate at a cost of \$9,000. That's \$4,500 for our half. George Swenson moved we donate \$4,500 to match the Auxiliaries. It was seconded by Bernard White and it Passed. We are to remind the Legionnaires that it's not too late to send in their contributions.

The DCFS Scholarship ceremony will be held in July so George will be able to attend.

Commission members were reminded that we meet June 10, 2010 to judge the Consolidated Reports.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. Discussed and changes to the brochure for next year. Dates and names were mentioned.
2. Stanton had sent out a plea for CMN balloons to be ordered from the four hospitals in our state as part of spring report sent to all district chairman.
3. We need to ask the Commander to dissolve the Youth Activities Commission because they say they have no report and no meetings when they are invited to ours.
4. We would like to request a finance report per district to check on donations to Special Olympics, OMK, Child Welfare, and the Christmas Program.
5. Bernard White and his Post 473 donated \$300 to Special Olympics for the State Games and \$300 to Operation Military Kids for ink and transfer paper. He was thanked by Cheri Stanton and the other Commission members.

Commander Flanagan and Vice Commander Groharing came by and wished us a productive meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11AM.

George Swenson

Secretary