

## **Children and Youth Report**

**The meeting was held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at The American Legion Headquarters, Department of Illinois in Bloomington, IL**

**The meeting was called to order by Cheri Stanton, Chairman at 10:00am. Member, Richard Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Chairman.**

**Richard Anderson took the minutes at the meeting.**

**The Committee said the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll call was taken:**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Division</b> | <b>Open</b>                                   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Division</b> | <b>George Swenson, Vice Chairman, Present</b> |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Division</b> | <b>Cheri Stanton, Chairman, Present</b>       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Division</b> | <b>Richard Anderson, Present</b>              |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Division</b> | <b>Zula Summers, Excused</b>                  |

**Several guests were present: Michelle Woodburn, Auxiliary Department Chairman; Marty Conatser visited to explain the Centennial Coin and asked that this be explained (St. of Illinois). Arlene Lolley, 10<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary Chairman, Charles Mueth, 5<sup>th</sup> Division**

**Reports were given about attending the Children and Youth Seminar in Indianapolis, IN the middle of September. George Swenson and Michelle Woodburn attended. Approximately 80 people in attendance. Auxiliary program was discussed. Youth Hero Award and Good Deed Award were discussed, 18 and younger. It was stressed that we let the District and Division meeting be made aware of.**

**The brochure was gone over and changes were made before printing for this new year. It was discussed to delete a few things and add a seasonal page of ideas to work on instead of a calendar. A number of changes will be made to the directory. Stressed that all Districts and Auxiliary be represented.**

**The Christmas program was discussed about changing the amount from \$5.00 to \$10 per child. We were waiting on the results from the auxiliary about changing the amount before progressing forward. Possibly take a resolution for American Legion to act. A resolution has to be written and presented at DEC and if passed it would go to Myron Kirby to be put on budget. Auxiliary supports the change of \$5.00 to \$10.00 maximum.**

**Commander Bob Henderson and Sr Vice-Commander Mike Carder stopped by to bring greetings. Project for this year is Boys State. Every Post is encourage to get 1 bag or donate money. Also, Gifts to the Yanks needs money. Losing \$50,000 a year.**

**Membership. All blue caps by December 31, 2017. If not renewed by then, member will lose their benefits. A discussion was held about generating more interest in Post Consolidated Reports and how we can get them filled out and sent in. Cheri talked about what she was trying in her district and**

**gave each member a copy to revise for their division. It is hoped to help increase membership as well. \$19.**

**Old Business: A conversation about Boys State about Boys State, Oxford Contest. Get into the schools and school newspapers. State Police School – put in paper once a month.**

**New Business: Do we want to host a Seminar about Children and Youth? July Convention until 9/30 in Illinois for TFA's. The form for the Post Consolidated Report was discussed and needs to be sent out to Posts in the District so we can get a better return. Need to get all Posts to return PCR. Put in Department news about Special Olympics for donations. Date for Special Olympics in Department News. Will not be doing seminar.**

**Nothing more was discussed and a motion was made by George Swenson to close and seconded by Richard Anderson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.**

**Respectfully submitted by Richard Anderson.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Division Chairman**