

Children and Youth Commission

The meeting was held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at The American Legion Headquarters, Department of Illinois in Bloomington.

The meeting was called to order by Cheri Stanton, Chairman, at 10:00 am. Zula Summers took the minutes at the meeting.

The Committee saluted the colors and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

- 1st Division Patrick Crotty - excused (health)
- 2nd Division George Swenson, Vice Chairman - Present
- 3rd Division Cheri Stanton, Chairman, Present
- 4th Division Arthur McCulley, Present
- 5th Division Zula Summers, Present

Several guests were present: Michelle Woodburn, Auxiliary Department Chairman.

Special Olympics spokesperson, Sandy Nash talked about supplies we needed for Summer Games, changes in shirt orders, and signs for hours of operation. Possibly American Legion tent to change location. Tent to move to Redbird Arena by souvenir tent. Tent parking lot. Tent parking lot or inside Red Bird Arena. The old spot will not have traffic. ISU is doing construction on dorm rooms. Athletes within 1.5 hours will do their own transportation.

Hours of Operation for State Games:

Friday Comp. 12 - 5
 Tent Open Volunteers there at 7 or 8 am
Friday & Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

VIP Reception at Press Box at Red Bird Arena at 6:00 pm

Torch Run check presented at Opening Ceremonies. Opening Ceremonies at 7:00 pm. Games will be held Friday from 12 - 5 and Saturday from 8 - 5. All volunteers will receive a free lunch only if they work all day.

12 - 15 Legion Riders for area to park their bikes.

Food from State: 2500 bananas, 100 watermelons, 35# sour cream, 6,000 popsicles, 67 chips, 38 pretzels, 6 gallons of milk and 2,500 halos.

A motion was made by George Swenson and seconded by Arthur McCulley that we make our annual \$5,000 Bronze Sponsorship donation. This will be matched by the Auxiliary for a total of \$10,000. Motioned Passed. Cheri suggested we put an article in the Department News and on the website to ask for Posts to bring products or money donations to District and Division meetings so we will have a running inventory of supplies on hand. The Auxiliary usually brings veggies and cookies, but we need to push paper products like napkins, trash bags, and cups, tea, lemonade, and especially helpers to set up and take down. Michelle added Hormel Foods, Frito Lay Corp. Sponsors.

The trailer can be set up on Thursday afternoon so it will be ready to be unloaded on Friday morning. We will need to be there by 7:00AM to start unloading.

Old Business: Posts are encouraged to complete the Post Consolidated reports. Each chairman is to remind members at District and Division meetings...maybe take samples to show how easy they are to fill out. Maybe set up a phone tree to contact each post in their districts to see if they need help filling them out.

The Finance Committee has agreed to raise the contribution for the Children's Christmas Program to a total gift of \$10.00. — that

would be an increase for both the Legion and Auxiliary of \$2.50 each. With the cost of everything rising, a \$5.00 gift doesn't go very far for a child. **BIG THANK YOU'S TO ALL ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.** The 2017 Christmas Gift program distributed to 2116 kids. Ten (10) Districts and Thirty-six (36) facilities participated. A total of \$7,914.17 was spent on the program.

NEW BUSINESS: Cheri will be attending the Children and Youth Spring meetings at National in May.

Discussion: In the past we have met the day before Special Olympics to tally CPR's. This year we are going to meet at Department on Tuesday, June 26th to tally the reports since most come in later in the month. The time was set at 11:00 am.

Joys is adding dates to the Department Newsletter calendar. It will include pictures after the event.

George Swenson will retire from Children & Youth in July 2020. A motion was made to adjourn by George Swenson and seconded by Arthur McCulley. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Submitted by: Zula Summers