

ALIPBS Spring Meeting Minutes

6 April 2019

Meeting call to order by Chairman Benigno at 1037 hrs.

Salute to Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer.

Roll call of Board members. All members present except as noted below.

- Charles Mueth (excused)
- Jeff Brown (excused)
- James Aiu (excused)
- Joe McCraith (excused)
- Hsienjan Huang (excused)
- Marty Zvonar (excused)
- Paul Brown (excused)
- Wayne Madson (excused)

Introductions and words of Welcome words from Department Adjutant/PNC Conatser, and Sr. Vice Weber.

PNC Conatser spoke about the 4 Pillars Pin, the programs it will support, and that so far, each program will receive \$6000.00. Concerns with online enrollment for Boys State. He also spoke about the raffle for a decanter, etc., during Department Convention.

Previous meetings minutes. Motion to approve by Wayne Wagner, Second by Clyde Minish. Passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report. Motion to approve by Kevin Wilbur, Seconded by Clyde Minish. Passed by unanimous vote.

Program Leadership Recommendations. There will be no changes in assignments until the board has had time to sit down with prospective leaders.

Session Report. Limey asked for \$100,000 from The State Treasurer from the Fight Crime, Invest in Kids program, for Boys State and Girls State. They feel it is doable. No Time Frame for approval/disapproval at this time.

On Line Registration. Discussion followed about problems and issues with online registration. Big concern is how does Joy know which Post is sponsoring which citizen, and how does the citizen know which Post to go through. Some talk about emailing citizens with the Post info, so they know the Post that is available to sponsor them. In the past, Joy has done this. Some discussion about having

Post contribute to a central fund, and have the fund align the money with the citizen than forward the info to the Post. It is clear that more research and discussion is needed to smooth out the online registration. Also discussed money donated by staff for citizen fee. Wayne has the money tracked and will include a line item on the budget to track it. About 70 registrations completed online so far. Additional discussion about recruiting. Discussion about signatures (Parents) on the online form. Remember, this is the first year for this and there is a learning curve, as well as a trial and error period. It will take a short time to work some of the bugs out.

Unfinished Business. Chairman Benigno reported on promoting the program and events we have been invited to attend and speak to potential citizens.

New Business.

- Doug Howell spoke about Staff invitations, stating they will be sent out earlier, and the process cleaned up and simplified. Also spoke about increasing communication between staff members. List of Staff members has been cleaned up. So far, response has been very good. John Reece will be responding to the returning Admin Staff via email. Criminal background checks will begin soon. Several minutes of discussion followed. Next a breakdown of guest speakers that have been invited to the upcoming session.
- Code of Conduct (zero tolerance).
 1. No alcohol at the program. Several empty bottles found by EIU Staff after check out. This will not be tolerated.
 2. Marching cadences MUST be kept clean. Several people on campus were offended last session. We must work harder to stop this. County points may be deducted.
 3. Speeches MUST be kept clean. Candidates may be removed from the ballot and lose scholarship opportunities for violations. Consequences will be listed in the Citizen Manual (in **BOLD** print) and briefed on the first day. Motion made by Kevin Wilbur to include number 3 above in the Citizens Manual under Code of Conduct. Seconded by Clyde Minish. Passed by unanimous vote.
 4. Staff members who listened to speeches should be included in the Scholarship interviews.

Transportation. Pick up and drop off locations will remain the same at this point.

Funding. Chairmen Benigno is still looking into several grant programs for possible funding for our program.

For the Good of the Program.

- More items will be available in the Boys State Store this year. Profit of about \$1200.00 for the first year.
- New 5-year pin introduced and ordered. Motion by Bob Miller and seconded by Kevin Wilbur. Approved by unanimous Vote.
- Staff survey: Purpose was to find out thoughts and interests for moving the program forward. Conversations will occur during the session on steps to improve the program and possibly fill positions as needed. Chairman needs to know your interests. This was not meant to attack The American Legion, or other Staff members. It may be possible to fill out the survey again.
- There will be changes and updates to the schedule and manual for this session.

Meeting Adjourned at 1235 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

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ALIPBS Board Secretary,
Director of Administration