

Americanism Meeting Minutes
Friday April 4, 2022
Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield IL

The Americanism Commission met at 7:30 pm in the Board Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Chairman Micheal Carder opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, Celeste Latham presented the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was presented.

The following members were present:

Micheal Carder Chairman, 1st Division
Celeste Latham 2nd Division
Norm Flowers 3rd Division
Jimmy Nagel 4th Division Vice Chairman
Ralph Rounds 5th Division
Philip Mette Chairman Emeritus

Guests;

Wayne Fisher Department Commander
Marty Conatser Department Adjutant
Christy Rich Contest Coordinator
Dee Dalton staff
Shandi Green Staff

1. Chairman Carder began the meeting by starting with Christy Rich, who reported that all contestants (13) had arrived on time and were registered. She mentioned that she is learning about the coordination of the contest and the figuring out methods use by her predecessor. She reported that there were hotel issues, and these being taken care of.
2. Commander Fisher said all was going well and recommended using the Public Relations Committee to promote the contest.
3. Adjutant Conatser felt that having 13 contestants following a down year from COVID was good start back. There had been some hiccups at the hotel, but nothing major. He recommended that the commission meet with Gene Janusch of Normal who has a plan for American Flag distribution. Commission members voted to invite Mr. Janusch to the next commission meeting at the Department Convention in July to present his program.
4. The commission chairmen each gave a quick report on their recruiting experiences for the contest.
5. With no further discussion Chairman Carder called on Celeste Latham for a closing prayer, which was followed by the salute to the flag.
6. Chairman Carder closed the meeting at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Micheal Carder Chairman
Philip Mette Chairman Emeritus