

AMERICANISM COMMISSION MINUTES

1. The Americanism Commission met at 10:00am on Saturday October 8, 2022, at the American Legion Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois.

2. The following commission members were present.

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

Guest:

Marty Conatser Department Adjutant
Christy Rich Oratorical Coordinator

3. Chairman Carder called the meeting to order. Following à salute to the flag Ralph Rounds presented the opening prayer, and Celeste Latham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adjutant Conatser informed the commission that coordination with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield had broken down and that new sites for the Oratorical Contest were being explored. He stated that due to the uncertainty of the availability of space at any new venue the contestants from each would need to be changed. He proposed either 2 contestants per Division or 3 contestants per Division.

5. Following à discussion, Celeste Latham moved that each division would have 3 contestants for a total of 15 contestants. The motion was seconded by Ralph Rounds and approved by the commission.

6. The commission then edited the Oratorical Brochure to remove the Crowne Plaza from the brochure and fill the deleted space with To Be Determined. Also, changes were made to reflect the changes in the participating contestants.

7. The commission discussed the American Flag program proposed by Mr. Jannusch. It was noted that the donation Fund for the flags had a balance of \$1,000. To provide a flag stock Celeste Latham moved that \$500.00 be used to purchase 19 flag kits to be store at HQ. The motion was seconded by Norm Flowers. The motion was approved by the commission.

8. The commission then requested that information pertaining to the flag program be posted on Facebook and the website. Information will also be included in a mailing to Division, district, and post officers.

9. With no further business to discuss Chairman Carder asked Ralph Rounds to present the closing prayer. This was followed by à salute to the flag.

10. Chairman Carder closed the meeting at 1130hrs

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Respectfully Submitted

Micheal Carder Chairman
Philip Mette Chairman Emeritus