

Children & Youth Commission Meeting

10-7-23

The Children & Youth Commission meeting was held at Department Headquarters. Dave Johnson Chairman called the meeting to order at . Commission members present were:

Chairman: Dave Johnson 2nd Division Present

V Chairman: Rich Schomer 3rd Division 14th District Excused absence

Member: Bridget Lattanzi 1st Division 7th District Absent

Member: Terry Abdelnour 4th Division 17th District Present beginning of meeting

Member: Chris Schoo 5th Division 24th District Present Secretary for meeting

Guests: Department Commander Delmar Buske, Sr Vice Joe Lampert

Guest: Bill Hollis Sons of the Legion Children & Youth Department Chairman Present

Guest: Sue Johnson ALA Children & Youth Department Chairman Present

Events:

1. Special Olympics of Illinois Tennis Games, Evergreen Racquet Club, 3203 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61704, August 19, 2023
2. Winter Games: February 6 – 8, 2024
Chestnut Mountain, 870 West Chestnut Mountain Rd., Hanover, IL, 61040 Downhill Skiing
Eagle Ridge, 444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena, IL 61036 Snow Shoe Racing
3. Christmas Gifting: Legion and Auxiliary both donate \$5.00. Each kid receives a \$10.00 gift.
Requirements: Institutionalized, age 17 and under. The Auxiliary runs this program.
4. Children Welfare Foundation: A challenge has been presented to the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons. The posts, units and squadrons are requested to donate \$1.00 per each member. All three will be recognized for their donations. Money to be turned in at the next national convention.
5. Halloween Safety: Share throughout the month in your area. Trunk N Treat is an option for promoting safety within your community. Get the town involved. Suggestions: Music, involve police and fire, local businesses. Decorate cars, Legion Riders bikes.
6. Sue & I attended a virtual meeting for National Children & Youth September 16, 2023. We are working on a meeting for all C&Y chairman for "Be The One To See The One." In Illinois suicide is the number one cause of death for children 10 to 39. We just met with the Coordinator for this program. She put this program together. She is a veteran and legion member. We will work with department to schedule a workshop. More details will be coming in the future.
7. Good deed and youth awards: Be aware of youth in your area that are eligible for these awards.
8. Children of those deployed are hero's too. Recognize those from your area.

Meeting Adjourned at .

Chris Schoo Secretary