

Premier Boys State Committee 14 October 2023
Department Headquarters

1004 Meeting called to order
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Roll Call

Present:

John Reece
Charles Mueth
Joseph McCraith
Mac Meade
David Fever
Christopher Benigno
Wayne Wagner
Carter Corsello

Absent:

Wayne Madson
Jeffrey Brown
Hsienjan Huang
James Talaska
Derrick Stinson
Michael Vozar
Jim Vahle

Minutes reviewed from spring meeting, motion made with second and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Wagner provided the treasurers report.

Last year spent 19K on yearbooks this year same.

Large donation of 34K made.

Trust running out of money. 73K remaining. It hasn't received monies for a few years.

Bylaws say "audit" interpretation of generic audit is full audit. Therefore, we need to change to our bylaws so that we can designate level of audit. Full audit currently costs about 10K. We have about 5 months to file right now. Cost is so high because of all requirements compilation audit is what we would want which sufficient to identify any anomalies.

Yearly audit is at boards designation. Report acceptance motioned seconded. Motion carried.

Insurance costs: \$3500 Discussed reaching out to alumni to see if anyone in the insurance business could lower our costs.

Chairman's Report:

Appointment of only one member to board John Reece this year until 2029. All seats are on six-year terms. This will bring us down to the 19 board members, from 34, which will bring the board to the number approved by the passed resolution.

There are 678 posts in the state we need 500 boys to participate to break even.

Registration: Greg Runyard reported we will have the reporting slightly changed this year but basically the same.

Social Media: Doug Howell / Graham Peck / Alex Campbell

Website: Registration price changed to \$400.00 on website

Partnership with EIU admission-junior list: they will provide this year.

City names: Doug provided a historical breakdown of city names. There are 8 – 50 year city names and 9 – longtime staff member names and 12 – past department commanders names. It was agreed that the 50 year names would be used first in coming sessions instead of hyphenated names. This list would essentially be a list to choose based on session population. Rotation of the first two groups may occur. The hope of course is to run out of names.

Constant contact with registered boys: January start contact once a month. Seven weeks out once a week. Should also send two campaigns early to last year's citizens asking for assistance in recruiting.

Awards: Dan Lisella reported needs assistance this year. Oration contest subject was new.

Assistant Director of Counselors: Chuck Runyard reported there were no staff issues. Will continue to improve upon what we learned from year to year.

Jason Hill was not available, Chairman reported that The Attorney General seems to be on board. Have also reached out to the Secretary of State, Treasurer and Governor.

Director of Education Joe McCraith not available. We will not have voter registration because there is no election cycle this year.

Administrative Operations: John Reece reported Mac Meade will move from his direct care role and become the Assistant Director of Administration.

Sports Director: Absent.

Unfinished business: EIU responded that Esports is not an option at this time due to the way the arena was funded. We will continue to let them know that we would like this when their stance changes.

Alumni Association: There are 30 individuals signed on as alumni. It was suggested that we do a Legacy photo during session and that this is a way to instill a connection to the program.

Streamlining schedule so that there is less time spent traveling between buildings.

All reports were moved to be approved by James Talaska and seconded by Derick Stinson. Motion carried.

New Business:

Agreed to print manuals and continue with digital schedules.

Seminars are not optional. We need to have a better system to make sure citizens take advantage of the seminar.

Chairman Benigno will investigate reducing costs for printing of yearbook, possibly through the print shop.

We will continue to implement handwritten letters from the citizens to the sponsoring posts.

Chairman Benigno applied for an economic development grant for the program.

Educational staff to look into legislative resolutions to come out of Boys State and to the general assembly.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1153.