

Premier Boys State Committee 20 April 2024
Department Headquarters

1000 Meeting called to order
Honor Flag - Pledge

Present:

Wayne Madson
Joseph McCraith
Mac Meade
James Talaska
David Fever
Christopher Benigno
Michael Vozar
Wayne Wagner
Carter Corsello
Jim Vahle
John Reece

Absent:

Jeffrey Brown
Charles Mueth
Hsienjan Huang
Derrick Stinson

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

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

Registration into department. We have received 23 payments of those that have registered already.

We need to write and submit a resolution to the convention for to adjust the audit requirements. Wayne asked if anyone would like to assist in writing. He will work on draft and pass through department adjutant. This is to adjust requirement to compilation audit.

Discussed if we should put add in convention book. It was determined that the bang for buck, timing to session, and target audience did not justify placing the add in the convention book. Our normal boys state report is already within the convention book.

Chairman's Report: Welcome packets have been sent out to registrants and is ongoing. We have 125 registered with 23 paid already.

We have sent out invites to returning staff. Seventy-one have replied with 13 replying that they are unable to attend this year but would like to remain on the list.

After we have a firm handle on who is coming back we will vet the returning citizen Jr. counselor request through Chuck and Chris. They will reach out to the counselors that had each kid.

Reviewed the website and removed old photos. Looking to add video capability. Schedules for citizens

Voted on last meeting was the naming conventions of counties for future sessions. This year's sessions names are as follows:

Card County (formerly Stelle-Keller)

1. Runyard City
2. Gaither City
3. Strode City

Conatser County (formerly Conatser-Hayes)

1. Snodgrass City
2. Rawers City
3. Mahoney City

Geiger County (formerly Geiger-Gleason)

1. Fever City
2. Wagner City
3. Saxton City

Kennedy County (formally Savage-Kennedy)

1. Brown City
2. Johnson City
3. Madden City

We have ordered all guidons that are required.

We will again use Protect Youth Sports for the training and background check. We will not order the background check until close to session. This is to avoid loss of money in case someone doesn't show due to schedule changes.

Essay competition and Speech contest. It is noted that we don't refer to our speech contest as an oration contest whereas oration contest is archaic language. Speech is what modern usage of what students are familiar with in school. The essay is now due at 0915 Wednesday morning instead of Thursday morning. Speech is also due at the same time.

Doug is now Director of Citizen Engagement.

Chad Meents will return after a few years away and be a county counselor.

Eastern Illinois University sent 639 invites to males through their marketing as a joint marketing effort. This did not cost boys state anything. It invited potential future students to utilize the opportunity of boys state to test ride EIU campus. It was asked if girls state did the same. It was unknown if they did the same.

Official Flag day is Friday of the program but we will do our flag ceremony on Thursday.

Will continue with two day legislation and supreme court / two day electoral and executive. Chuck Neff is looking to see about having voter registration available again this year. Will will have one new seminar added. Title of seminar is: Civility. We need more civility in society.

Merrit will be assigned as assistant Director of Sports.

Matt Kreeb will take over the militia program. Marty had sent a letter to the board stating that regrettably his health will no longer allow him to continue with the program.

Space Force flag was ordered and the playing order of honors was discussed.

Social media contest. It was discussed that Graham put a contest together of any kind that requires kids to submit 10-15 sec video clips about boys state. Framework of how best to do this is up to him.

Golden Tickets do work. Give out mainly along with eighth grade school awards. We have identified a leader in the class already. Maintain contact with the kid and three years later invite them to boys/girls state. The ticket says scholarship so usually the parents take note.

We will have different color shirt this year. It is a lighter color shirt.

It was also agreed that we should assign the media team the requirement to closely mimic the Badger State video and create a video that reflects Illinois' session.

The board went into executive session. After executive session the board adjourned.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1215.