

**Illinois Good Sam State Morning Meeting
Marshall/Putnam Fairgrounds, Henry, Illinois
April 27, 2019**

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Carolyn Schaefer with a “Good Morning and Welcome” and the Pledge. Steve McKillip said a prayer. Carolyn thanked John Schaefer and Bob Meyers for running the meeting last October. Carolyn asked us to pray for Mary Feiden from Sunshine Sams, and Mike & Sharie Morgan. There are forms on the table for the various awards and extra State directories.

Directory Changes - Mike & Sharie Morgan have resigned as Legislative chairs. Add the Youth/Teen back in as a Chapter.

Carolyn checked with people to see the status of what is going on:

Paper Games – Ed Gawronski said he is working on.

Bottle Caps – Lynn Meyers – we need more bottle caps. We need a total of 400 pounds.

Scholarship Funds – Amanda Gawronski – There is \$1358.54 in the fund. We have an application for this year from Kelsey Olson. She will be attending Rock Valley College. The Scholarship Committee voted to accept her application and give her \$500.00. She will be a good person to represent us as she grew up in Good Sam. Her application will be on the table for people to review. Amanda is working with the Henry-Senachwine Community Unit School District 5 to establish an Illinois Good Sam Scholarship to be given to a graduating senior. The scholarship will be given to someone who lives the Good Sam principles and will be nominated by a teacher. We would like to present the scholarship when we have our April 2020 State meeting in Henry. Amanda & Becky McKillip are working with Rita, a counselor at the high school, to develop the requirements and application. We would like a plaque to present to the high school noting who the winners are. Either the high school can make the plaque or it can be done in Rockford. The requirements and forms will be sent out prior to the August meeting so we will be ready to vote on it.

Food – Becky McKillip – Carolyn stated one person should coordinate the food. Becky asked who helped Carolyn last year to coordinate. Vicki Regnier will get the potatoes for the Baked potato supper. The Ham & Bean meal will include a Root Beer float. The Walking Taco meal will include the Ice Cream Social. Becky will get the desserts for the Lady’s Luncheon. No one has heard from SkyMed about a seminar and food.

Tour – Lynn Myers – The I and M Canal Boat Tour/Mansion tour and Lunch will be on Thursday June 27 at 10:00. Cost is \$45.00 and MUST be Pre-Paid. See Lynn for details. Make checks out to Illinois Good Sam. Those who come to do this will incur an Early Arrival Fee since it is on Thursday.

Seminars/Crafts – Some things will be double booked so we can get everything in. Not all do the same thing. Carolyn Schaefer will contact the Henry Police about their Canine Unit, Lynn Myers

might have someone present their Border Collie “Nose” dog, Lynn will do a seminar on Sign Language on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Jean S. will present a craft on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Game Winners – will be announced every night.

Movie/Entertainment – the Great Outdoors will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Samgo will also be at the same time. At 2:00 p.m. on Friday Carol Froeschl., Mary Feiden, and Jim Landry will have games.

Prizes – Each Chapter is responsible for 3 \$10.00 prizes. Two go for Door Prizes and one for the Blue Light Special. If you can give more that would be nice. Carolyn stated that in other states chapters give most of the prizes. With only 9 active Chapters that is only 27 prizes total and not all chapters contribute. There were complaints from last year about both prizes from the stage and Bleu Light Prizes. Some prizes were separated so we could give out more things. Lynn suggested that Door Prizes be placed in a re-usable bag since the State may start taxing plastic bags. It was also suggested that ¼ of the money from National GS be spent on items for the Blue Light. They gave us \$250.00.

Root Beer Floats – We decided not to charge for them but put a donation box out.

Sunday Gift Drawing – Carolyn brought up doing a Sunday Gift Drawing to keep people here for the morning. It was decided to not do this.

Memorial Forms – Need to get to information and money Carolyn by May 20th so she can get them made.

Electrical Outlets – Bob Meyers will check with the Fairgrounds to see if they can check the outlets before the Rally. We had a few problems last year.

Other Items – Bob Vogeltanz will take over Equipment. See Carolyn if you would like to take this position over. Duties are listed in the By-Laws. Last year the grocery store donated outdated items to us. If we ask for donations make sure they are not out-of-dated. Judie F. said she sees no need for a Membership Chair as we are not giving our membership cards and the Treasurer keeps track of who are members and who have paid. Will vote on this afternoon. Forest city is doing First Timer bags. We will not have Welcome bags.

Nominations for Director - Bob Meyers said he had the forms ready to pass out. If you nominate someone for Director make sure they are willing to accept. We need to do this quickly. The nominations will not be ready to announce at the Rally. We need to go through the process no matter what happens at the Rally. We can continue to be a State organization without a Rally. Maybe we will have smaller campouts or a picnic.

Carolyn said Communication is the key to success. We are not communicating with the right person. We all need to talk to the Director about things going on and changes. She is the Director.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanette Gawronski
Secretary

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