Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County

Minutes
Date: 09/2/2015

➢ Preliminaries:
   Called to Order: 6:35PM

   Prayer: Recited by John Schwartz

   Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by John Schwartz

   Meeting dedication: to Judy Dixon

➢ Roll Call: 10 Member Commission Board
   ▪ Present - President Schwartz, VP Dahm, Secretary Meier, Treasurer Kurz
   ▪ Ted Simpson, Jeff Cox, Frank Kurtz, Brian Clason, Bob Leonard
   ▪ Absent - Sonny Ellen
   ▪ County Board Liaison - Jeff Wehrli
   ▪ KCVAC Staff - Steve Barrett, Chad Lockman, Olivia Laschober

   Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:

➢ Commission Officer’s Reports:
   President’s Report: (Jeff Cox)
      No Report

   Secretary’s Report: (Norm Meier):
      Motion passed to accept July 10, 2015 minutes.

   Treasurer’s Report: (Ed Kurz):
      Motion passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report of $10,037.91 checking account balance including a $100 donation from Dennis Schumacher.

➢ VAC Superintendent’s Report: (Steve Barrett)

Written Superintendents Report for August was submitted along with the following attachments:
   ▪ Updated VACKC Board Directory.
   ▪ VACKC FY-2016 Budget Proposal which includes a 0.3% increase.
   ▪ 2015 Veterans Assistance Expenditure and Transportation totals.

Superintendents Highlights:
- Public Act 97-0739 enacted Jul 1 which allows veteran designator on IL. Drivers Licenses.
- President Obama signed HR91 which creates a Veterans Identification Card.
- Governor signed SB0107 which enhances disabled veteran tax exemptions.
- Scheduled Drivers License certification event for Sept. 9 at Yorkville Legion.
- Reorganized the Veterans Assistance policy effective Jul 1.
- Implemented eBenefits enrollment policy.
- FOIA information was updated and posted on the County website.
- Updated the database for the Oswego Sr. Meals program.
- Identified seven Vietnam DIC recipients; processed five $1000 bonus applications. (widows)
- Hines is reviewing the MMU program.
- VACKC is receiving good reviews.
- Olivia received her VA accreditation credentials and completed TRIP training.
- States Attorney employees donated clothes and school supplies for assistance recipients.

➤ **VAC Committee Reports:**

- **Budget Committee** - Steve will meet with the County Board on September 11 to present our 2016 Capital Expenditure budget proposal.
- **Election Committee** - Current 2015 VACKC officers were renominated by acclamation. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

➤ **Unfinished Business:**
- Motion was passed to approve the revised guidelines for the Gene White Scholarship as suggested by the Gene White Scholarship committee.

➤ **New Business:**
- Motion was passed to spend $200 maximum on flowers for Judy Dixon funeral.
- A golf outing and auction that Jeff Wehrli is involved in donated $630 to KCVAC.
- Motion was passed to purchase additional KCVAC caps.
- KCVAC Christmas meeting will be held at Sunfield’s Restaurant in Yorkville on December 5th.

➤ **Good of the Commission:**
- Newark American Legion - Hog Roast and Car Show October 24th.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - by Frank Kurtz

➤ **Salute the Flag**

➤ **Adjournment:** 7:35pm

Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.
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