Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County
“Serving America’s Finest”

Minutes
Date: 011/4/2015

➢ Preliminaries:
  ❖ Called to Order: 6:35PM
  ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
  ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Don Dahm
  ❖ Meeting dedication: to all War Dogs
  ❖ Roll Call:
    10 Member Commission Board - Present: VP Don Dahm; Secretary Norm Meier; Treasurer Ed Kurz; Frank Kurtz; Jeff Cox; Bob Leonard; Ted Simpson; Brian Clason; KCVAC Staff: Steve Barrett, Chad Lockman, Olivia Laschober. County Board Liaison Jeff Wehrli; Absent: President John Schwartz; Sonny Ellen

Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:

➢ Commission Officer’s Reports:
  ❖ President’s Report: (John Schwartz)
    ▪ No Report
  ❖ Secretary’s Report: (Norm Meier):
    ▪ Motion passed to accept September 2nd, 2015 minutes.
  ❖ Treasurer’s Report ( Ed Kurz):
    ▪ Motion passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report of $10,467.91 checking account balance including a $500 donation from Caterpillar UAW and $50 from a family.

➢ VAC Superintendent’s Report: (Steve Barrett)
  ▪ Written Superintendents Report for October was submitted along with the following attachments:
    o Updated VACKC Board Directory.
    o 2015 Veterans Assistance Expenditure and Transportation totals.
    o 2016 Meeting Dates: Jan. 6, April 6, June 1, Sept. 7, Nov. 7.

Superintendents Highlights:
- VACKC FY-2016 Budget Proposal which includes a 0.3% increase was presented by Steve to the county board without any apparent disagreement.
- Chad and Olivia staffed a Driver’s License Certification event in Yorkville for 168 vets.
- Chad attended IAVC Conference in Decatur and a Hines MMU meeting in Joliet. Hines will continue to have the Mobile Medical Unit in Oswego and Yorkville next year.
- Chad and Olivia attended DuPage VSO Seminar in Wheaton.
- KCVAC staff attended GATI training conference in Rockford.
- KCVAC staff notified disabled veterans of improvements to the real estate tax exemptions.
- KCVAC received three more cemetery plot deeds for Lincoln Memorial Park for indigent vets.

**VAC Committee Reports:**
- **BUDGET COMMITTEE**
- **ELECTION COMMITTEE** — Motion was made and passed by acclamation to elect the current VACKC officers for 2016 office.
- **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** — Motion was made and passed to increase the Gene White Scholarship award to $1500 for 1st place and $1000 for 2nd place.

➢ **Unfinished Business:**
- KCVAC Christmas meeting will be held at Sunfield’s Restaurant in Yorkville on December 5th, 6-8pm.
- OMA Training for the VAC board should be done in December.

➢ **New Business:**
- Motion was passed to buy a $100 Aldi certificate (per family of VAC recipients) to be passed out this summer, date to be determined.
- KCVAC will be at the Plano Walmart on November 22, 9-2pm, to raise awareness of services offered and to participate in programs to help veterans and families in need.
- Motion was passed to set aside $1000 in a discretionary fund to be used for clothing as needed by KCVAC recipients.
- The KCVAC Holiday Troop Tree will be decorated on December 5th at 10am.

➢ **Good of the Commission:**
- Oswego American Legion – Steak Fry November 7th. War Dog Memorial Plaque.
- Newark American Legion – Veteran’s Dinner on November 6th.
- Yorkville American Legion – Raised $30,000 for Northern Illinois Veterans during their Gala at Timber Creek restaurant.
- Oswego American Legion – Steak Fry November 7th. Holding Veterans Day services.
- Plano American Legion – Holding Veterans Day services at Plano and at Sheridan. Jim Hill has a 50’ x 80’ American Flag available.
- Yorkville VFW –
- Olivia developed a new KCVAC brochure.

➢ **Closing Prayer** - by Frank

➢ **Salute the Flag

➢ **Adjournment:** 7:35pm

➢ Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.
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