Minutes
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: April 3, 2019

Called to Order: 6:07 P.M. by Rick Gardner
Prayer: Recited by Chad Lockman
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rick Gardner
Dedication: Memory of Beverly Bitterman
Roll Call: (Present unless noted) Quorum present

- President Rick Gardner – American Legion Post 675
- Vice President – VACANT SEAT
- Treasurer Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459
- Secretary Jerimy Weatherly – American Legion Post 395
- Alternate Brian Clason – American Legion Post 395
- Alternate Joe West – American Legion Post 675
- Alternate Bernie Boeger – American Legion Post 459
- Delegate Ken Havelka – American Legion Post 489
- Alternate – VACANT SEAT - American Legion Post 489
- VACKC Liaison Scott Gryder *Excused
- VACKC Liaison (Alt) Matt Kellogg *Excused
- Delegate (Advisory) Rob Bailey – Montgomery VFW Post 7452
- Superintendent Chad Lockman

Guests and concerned citizens: None

Commission Officer’s Reports
- President – No Report
- Secretary – Motion by Bernie Boeger, 2nd by Ken Havelka, all in favor to accept November 7th minutes as read
- Treasurer – Chad provided hard copies of First National Bank statements. Motion by Rick Gardner, 2nd by Brian Clason, all in favor to accept balance of $27,563.78.

Committee Reports
Scholarship – No Report
Bylaws – No Report
**Superintendent’s Report**

- Scholarship applications received and information redacted; ready for committee review
- Met with Aurora GAR Memorial Hall Museum Curator on January 16th to discuss intent/vision; solicited donation of military items by local veterans
- VAC Staff attended IACVAC conference in Peoria January 17th – 18th; brought up-to-speed on VAC issues statewide that could have potential effect locally in the future
- William and Karylin participated in clean-up of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on January 21st
- VAC Staff maintaining regular presence in the community via benefit presentations, social media, and radio; flagship website complete [www.kendallvets.org](http://www.kendallvets.org)
- Much interest in 2019 Golf Outing (Golf Fore Vets); $6,900 raised as of March 22nd
- VA Work-Study Jorge Arciniega began internship at the VACKC on January 25th; assisting with marketing/advertising, graphic design; also fulfilling internship requirements for degree completion at Lewis University
- Karylin made VACKC presentation to staff and future residents of the new Cedarhurst Assisted Living and Memory Care facility in Yorkville
- Karylin spoke about VACKC operations at the Yorkville American Legion Post meeting on April 1st
- Ongoing attempts to inform local hospitals of VA billing procedures without much reception

**Correspondence** - None

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

- Appointment of interim Vice President by President Rick Gardner – V.P. Bernie Boeger
- Scholarship Committee added Brian Clason; scholarship review set for April 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at KCHD
- Bylaws Committee added Norm Meier; committee meeting TBD
- Purchase three (3) 6’ x 8’ burial flags to keep on hand at VACKC and to be distributed to NOK upon Superintendent approval – motion by Ken Havelka, 2nd by Bernie Boeger, all members in favor

**Good of the Commission**

- Newark American Legion Post 459 to hold auction of all post property on May 11th

**Closing**

- Salute to Flag
- Adjournment - 7:11 PM