Minutes

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: January 3, 2018

➢ Preliminaries
  ❖ Called to Order: 6:03 PM
  ❖ Prayer: Recited by Bob Leonard.
  ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
  ❖ Meeting dedication: The 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.
  ❖ Roll Call: Quorum present

- President Jeff Cox – American Legion Post 489
- Vice President Bob Leonard – VFW Post 8234
- Treasurer Ed Kurz – VFW Post 8234 *Absent
- Secretary Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459
- Delegate Rick Gardner – American Legion Post 675
- Delegate Frank Kurtz – American Legion Post 395
- Alternate Brian Clason – American Legion Post 395 *Absent
- Alternate Herb Allen – American Legion Post 675 *Absent
- Alternate Bernie Boeger – American Legion Post 459
- Alternate Tom Wagner – American Legion Post 489 *Absent
- VACKC Liaison Scott Gryder
VACKC Staff:
  - Superintendent: Chad Lockman
  - Asst. Superintendent: Olivia Laschober
  - CVSO Coordinator: Donovan Torres *Absent

➢ Guests and concerned citizens:

➢ Correspondence

Commission Officer’s Reports

❖ President – Thanked the board and staff for all the time they put in with the VAC last year.
❖ Secretary -- Motion passed to accept November 1, 2018 minutes as read.
❖ Treasurer -- Motion passed to accept the balance of $16,938.92 including a $350 donation.
• **Superintendent’s Report**
  Chad passed out updated fund balances and statistics for VACKC expenditures and travel.
  Face to face appointments are up 71% since this time last year; up 163% since outreach efforts began in 2015.
  FY-2017 Governor’s report submitted.
  11 families recertified for Veterans Assistance; 1 family – no response; 2 families; 2 pending applications.
  2017 year-end numbers regarding monies brought to Kendall County through disability compensation, pension, and/or DIC benefits was 8.5 million/yr; $828,981 in new money (retroactive.)
  VACKC Fund Levy approved un an amount not to exceed $369,735.00; a difference of $18,780 from VAC approved budget amount of $388,515.00.
    o Actual FY-18 projected expenditures $368,576.00.
    o Med/Dental Insurance GF transfer difference of $19,239.00
    o Superintendent Bonding - $100.00 not transferred to GF.
    o FICA adjustment - $600

➢ **Commission Committee Reports**
  ❖ Bylaws Committee –
  ❖ Budget Committee –
  ❖ Election Committee –
  ❖ Scholarship Committee –

➢ **Unfinished Business**
  ❖ Spring 2018 VACKC Veterans golf outing: Motion passed to pay a $200 deposit to hold the golf outing at Blackberry Oaks on May 24, 2018.
  ❖ OMA/FOIA/Confidentiality. Discussion held to require OMA training only every other year.
  ❖ 2018 VACKC Scholarship. Committee members who are leaving will need to be replaced.
  ❖ Delegate / Alternate board certifications.

➢ **New Business**
  ❖ FY-18 meeting dates were amended, then accepted with the fourth meeting of the year taking place on the first Wednesday in August instead of September. 2018 VAC meeting dates are January 3, April 4, June 13, August 1, November 7.
  ❖ Motion passed to pay for registration, travel, and lodging expenses for Chad, Olivia, and Donovan’s at the NACVSO Conference in June.

➢ **Good of the Commission** –
  ❖ The American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan will be at the Yorkville American Legion on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2018.
  ❖ Olivia continues to meet with the “Let’s Connect” women veterans group.

➢ **Closing Prayer** Recited by Bob Leonard.

➢ **Salute the Flag**

➢ **Adjournment** 7:43 PM.

---- submitted by Norm Meier, January 15, 2018.