VAC Board Minutes
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois
Date: 06/04/2008

➢ Preliminaries:
  ❖ Called to Order: 7:00 PM
  ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
  ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Don Dahm
  ❖ Meeting dedication: Our fighting men and women wherever they may be.
  ❖ Roll Call: Members 5 Alternates 4 Quorum YES
  ❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:
    Ed Dixon County Superintendent, Steve Barrett Assistant County Superintendent, and Nancy Martin, VAC liaison to the County Board were in attendance.

➢ Commission Officer’s Reports:
  ❖ President’s Report (Don Dohm):
    ▪ Don brought up the need to make a change in the Bylaws to care for a judicial ruling which would make it necessary for the Superintendent to be a county resident. (This was brought to the Board’s attention by Superintendent Dixon). After Discussion it was decided that the Superintendent contact Eric Weiss for a legal opinion and the matter will be brought back to the August meeting.
    ▪ Superintendent Dixon brought to the attention of the Board that the present meeting schedule (bi-monthly) will not allow the Board to carry out the election process as set forth in the Bylaws. After a discussion it was decided to return to the monthly schedule starting in August rather then change the process.
  ❖ Secretary’s Report (Ted Simpson):
    ☑ Motion to accept the pending minutes & file for record - YES
    ▪ Treasurer Schwartz pointed out that the amount in the checking account is $2,814. Don moved to accept the report as amended. Jeff seconded it and it passed by voice vote.
    ▪ The minutes of the executive board meeting were reviewed. Frank moved to affirm the action of the Executive Board, Gene seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.
  ❖ Treasurer’s Report (John Schwartz):
    ☑ Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for file and audit - YES
    ▪ The account information was discussed.
    ▪ John checked with an accountant and as long as we are covered by the county’s tax identification number we do not have to file a form 990.
    ▪ John brought up that the posts of the county veterans organizations are not interested in pursuing bringing the Moving Wall to Kendall County. We will investigate using the money to establish a memorial. Nancy suggested placing in a county forest preserve.
    ▪ Don appointed a committee of Jeff Cox and Phil Smith to talk to the county and report back to the VAC Board.
    ▪ Phil made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Frank seconded and the motion passed.
**VAC Superintendent’s Report:**

- Superintendent – ED Dixon: written report was submitted and the following items were discussed.
  - In the past two months the office staff has worked 125 hours of overtime. We will probably be over budget in the Veterans Assistance line item due to the high unemployment. We are going to be over budget on fuel due to escalating fuel prices. No one could have forecasted these events. By year’s end we may have to draw from our reserve fund. The additional office space will come out of the reserve fund. But, the office expansion was fund in last year’s budget.
  - All members should look over the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 and bring suggestions to the August meeting where it will be reviewed and approved.
  - The superintendent had a VAC website created. It will contain the approved minutes, bulletins, and other items of interest to veterans.
  - It was decided to pass on having a booth at the county fair this year. But, the VAC will have their usual booth at Seniors Health Fair in Oswego in October.
  - The IACVAC/IACO meeting was productive.
  - It was decided that in the future one staff member will attend the annual state training and bring the training back to the rest of the office staff.

**VAC Committee Reports:**

- Vehicle Committee:
  - The vehicles will be in the PrairieFest parade. Ed will check with the drivers to see if one of them will be willing to drive. He will also check to see if Don can be added to our insurance so he can drive if necessary. Phil Smith has indicated that he will drive as a last resort.
  - The Van will be at the Yorkville and Newark for the 4th of July parades.
  - The money for gas for the parades will come out of the advertising budget.

**Old Business:**

We will have meetings on August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.

**Closing Prayer**  Frank Kurtz

**Salute the Flag**  Led by Don Dahm

**Adjournment:**  8:28PM

Submitted by:  Ted Simpson, VACKC Secretary
Date submitted for approval:  August 6, 2008