Minutes
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois
Date: 09/02/2009

Preliminaries:

- Called to Order: 7:00 PM
- Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
- Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Phil Smith
- Meeting dedication: 33rd Infantry Brigade of the Illinois National Guard, that recently returned from Afghanistan.
- Roll Call: Present 10 Absent 2 Vacancy 1 Quorum YES
- Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:
  Ed Dixon County Superintendent, Steve Barrett Assistant County Superintendent, and Nancy Martin County Board Liaison

Commission Officer’s Reports:

- President’s Report (Phil Smith):
  * Correspondence from Jason Larson
  * Thank you letters to VAC from two vets
  * Notice of change of address and map for Aurora Veteran’s Clinic.
- Secretary’s Report (Norm Meier):
  * Motion passed to accept July 1 minutes.
- Treasurer’s Report (John Schwartz):
  * Motion passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report of $3185.00 checking account balance.

VAC Superintendent’s Report:

- Superintendent – Ed Dixon:
  * Written report submitted, with attachments.
  * Many policy changes coming from state and federal VA (will be discussed at next meeting).
  * Ed received coupons from Food Pantry and from Caring Hands to be given for needy vets.
  * Ed introduced HB 2281 (Veteran’s Court) and HB 4212 (Alternative Sentencing for Combat Vets) to the state legislature.
➢ **Budget Committee**
  * VACKC 2010 budget of $367,578 is posted in the County’s shared file pending approval.

➢ **Unfinished Business**
  * None

➢ **New Business**
  * Motion was passed to award Angel Food holiday boxes to needy Vet’s families, not to exceed $360 total cost.
  * Discussion held of whether VAC or County has responsibility for indigent Vets

➢ **Election Committee**
  * Don Dahm was appointed chairman and Mike Marcelain the teller.
  * Nominations received:
    - President - Phil Smith
    - Vice President - Gene White
    - Secretary - Norm Meier
    - Treasurer - John Schwartz
  * Any additional nominations are due to Don by October 30th.

➢ **Good of the Commission**
  * “Armed Guard” and “Merchant Marine” plaque will be dedicated and added to the Veteran’s Memorial in Oswego.
  * Dale Gilbreth is recovering from a stroke. He is at Tiller’s Nursing Home in Oswego.

➢ **Special Events and Dates**
  * October 17, VAC booth at Oswego High School for senior health fair.
  * November 4, 7pm, VACKC Board Meeting

➢ **Closing Prayer**  Led by Frank Kurtz

➢ **Salute the Flag**  Led by Phil Smith

➢ **Adjournment:**  7:55pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by:  Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary
Date minutes will be submitted for approval:  November 4, 2009