Minutes

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: June 1, 2016

Preliminaries

Called to Order: 6:25 PM
Prayer: Recited by Bob Leonard
Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by John Schwartz
Meeting dedication: To Arnie Bitterman and Gene White.
Roll Call:

Present

• President John Schwartz – American Legion Post 675
• Vice President Don Dahm – American Legion Post 675
• Treasurer Ed Kurz – VFW Post 8234
• Secretary Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459
• Delegate Jeff Cox – American Legion Post 489
• Delegate Frank Kurtz – American Legion Post 395
• Alternate Brian Clason – American Legion Post 395
• Alternate Bob Leonard – VFW Post 8234
• Alternate Ted Simpson – American Legion Post 459
• Alternate Tom Wagner – American Legion Post 489
• VACKC Liaison Jeff Wehrli

Absent

• VACKC Staff:
  • Superintendent Steve Barrett
  • Asst. Superintendent Chad Lockman
  • CVSO Coordinator, Olivia Laschober

Commission Officer’s Reports

President
  • John announced that this is the last year he will be on the VAC board because of his move out of the area.

Secretary
  • Motion passed to accept the 3/6/2015 minutes as read.

Treasurer
  • Motion passed to accept the balance of $16,601.73
Superintendent’s Report
- Chad presented the Superintendent’s Report for Steve who has been ill.
- Written reports were passed out including: Veterans Assistance Expenditure; Fund Balances; and Transportation totals.
- To date $124,858 has been spent this budget year leaving a balance of $208,588.
- Veterans assistance reviews for last year are completed.
- Chad and Olivia attended NACVSO CEU training conference in Myrtle Beach.
- VACKC was accepted as a voting member of HSTP3 (IDOT grant.)
- Staff is now approved to access the State of Illinois IDHS PACIS data base to check on client’s eligibility and to complete Veterans Assistance reviews.
- Two VAC clients are using County Mental Health Care services.
- Periodic assistance review has been completed.
- VA Work Study student, James McCann, has been doing well in the KCVAC office. We are waiting for COD to rectify his attendance in order for him to continue working this summer.
- Families receiving financial assistance increased from nine to eleven.

Commission Committee Reports
- Bylaws Committee –
- Budget Committee –
- Election Committee –
- Scholarship Committee –

Unfinished Business
- OMA training needs to be completed by a few board members.

New Business
- Steve requested a leave of absence while he recovers from his illness.
- Steve led discussion regarding the purchase or lease of a new van to replace the Equinox which is in need of $2000 in repairs. John and Don will check on costs.
- Olivia is working with the Kendall County Senior Providers. She has also been selected as the NACVSO women's representative and will attend the NACVSO conference in Boston.
- Chad suggested the staff and board start to work on the budget for next year.

Good of the Commission –
- Plano American Legion Post 395 –
- Newark American Legion Post 459 – September 3rd Hog roast and Car Show fundraiser.
- Yorkville American Legion Post 489 –
- Oswego American Legion Post 675 –
- Yorkville VFW Post 8234 –

Closing Prayer Recited by Bob Leonard.

Salute The Flag

Adjournment 7:05 PM.