

MINUTES

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: September 6, 2017

➤ **Preliminaries**

- ❖ Called to Order: 6:00 PM
 - ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
 - ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
 - ❖ Meeting dedication: To the first female Commander of the American Legion.
 - ❖ Roll Call:
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- President Jeff Cox – American Legion Post 489
- Vice President Bob Leonard – VFW Post 8234
- Treasurer Ed Kurz – VFW Post 8234
- Secretary Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459
- Delegate Ed Dixon – 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
- Alternate Bernie Boeger – American Legion Post 459
- Alternate Tom Wagner – American Legion Post 489
- VACKC Liaison Scott Gryder
- VACKC Staff:
 - Superintendent: Chad Lockman
 - Asst. Superintendent: Olivia Laschober
 - CVSO Coordinator: Donovan Torres

➤ **Guests and concerned citizens:**

Eighteen Kendall County veterans or families of veterans that VACKC serves were present and each spoke about how the VACKC staff has helped them obtain benefits, services, or compensation from the VA. One veteran presented Olivia with a plaque for her efforts in working with him.

➤ **Correspondence**

A thank you card from Nancy and Bill Flowers was read.

➤ **Commission Officer's Reports**

- ❖ President – Jeff thanked Don Dahm for all the years he has served on the VACKC Board as he is being replaced by Ed Dixon. Jeff reported on the three VACKC scholarships that were presented to the high schools.
- ❖ Secretary -- Motions passed to accept the 6/7/2017 and 8/18/17 minutes as presented.
- ❖ Treasurer -- Motion passed to accept the balance of \$16,577.21. Jeff Wehrli presented the VACKC with a \$500 check from the Dana Open Golf Tournament.

➤ **Superintendent's Report**

- Chad has held three more Kendall County Interagency Council meetings as the Vice-chairmen since the last VACKC board meeting.
- Tax distributions received in June, July, and August for a total of \$226,714.51 YDT.
- Olivia has coordinated over 12 veteran benefit presentations on both local and national levels since the last board meeting.
- Donovan continues to build *Veterans Outreach for Kendall County* through events and volunteer work in the community in addition to his regular duties as a CVSO.
- VACKC staff attended NACVSO Conference in San Diego, CA; Earned CEUs.
- VACKC participated in third *VAC Summit* in July at the Kane County VAC.
- VACKC Services recognized and highlighted as essential in the senior care model at KCSP Legislative Forum with Senators Jim Oberweiss and Linda Holmes as well as US Congressman Randy Hultgren.
- VACKC attended first Aurora Veterans Resource Fair in August.
- \$2900.00 was paid for a Yorkville veteran's medical post-surgery stay and \$600.00 in Aldi food certificates.
- VACKC – sponsored veterans breakfast held at Beecher Center on 8/31/17 with approximately 30 attendees.
- Chad passed out updated fund balances and statistics for VACKC expenditures and travel.

➤ **Commission Committee Reports**

- ❖ Bylaws Committee –
- ❖ Budget Committee – The executive board is also the budget committee.
- ❖ Election Committee – The following nominations were accepted for 2018 KCVAC Officers: President, Jeff Cox; VP, Bob Leonard; Secretary, Norm Meier; Treasurer, Ed Kurz.
- ❖ Scholarship Committee –

➤ **Unfinished Business**

Motion passed to go in to Executive Session at 7:15pm.

- Chad gave an overview and passed out a list of sessions attended and expenditures made for travel, lodging and meals at the SanDiego Conference. Discussion was held regarding the need for the ten-day trip and the need for all three staff members to attend this conference. Discussion was held regarding the differences between the state and national VA accreditation conferences and CEU's earned at each.
- Motion was passed to go out of Executive Session at 7:35pm.
- The letter of resignation from Don Dahm was presented on 8/18/17 and accepted on 9/6/17.

➤ **New Business**

- ❖ Scott Gryder gave a report of County Board activities.

➤ **Good of the Commission –**

- ❖ Medicare Forum
- ❖ Sons of the American Revolution
- ❖ Portillo's Fundraiser
- ❖ VACKC Newsletter
- ❖ Kendall County VSO Post News –

➤ **Closing Prayer** Recited by Frank Kurtz.

➤ **Salute the Flag**

➤ **Adjournment** 7:47 PM.

Submitted by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary, 9/27/17.