

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 with Board President Jim Cox presiding and Herbert Holderman leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: President Jim Cox, Vice-President Tim Timmer, Secretary Steven Kreitzer and Treasurer John Davis were present.

Employees: Superintendent Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, Linda Drake and Luz Maria Gilkey were present

Guest: None

Meeting Minutes:

Steve Walz made the motion that the minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Stefan Skopek. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

John Davis stated that the balance was still \$2,021.00 and 7 of the 16 veteran's organizations have paid their dues. Nothing changed from last month

Public Comment:

None

For the Good of the Commission

Website – Steven Kreitzer explained that the office is trying to help out the local veterans' organizations to gain awareness and support by adding their contact information and events to our website. Forms were handed out at the meeting that explained how to submit information to the office to be placed on the website.

Superintendents Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 40 veterans with food, 32 with shelter, and 26 with utilities. There were 27 veterans transported in 23 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$11,560.42 in monthly benefits and \$74,331.74 in retroactive benefits. The monthly bills totaled \$41,568.58 and Jim Cox asked if there was a motion to pay the bills. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the superintendent's report and pay the bills and Stefan Skopek seconded. Randy Smith asked who would be participating in the training that was charged \$1,200 and Tammy Anderson explained that it would be all four full time employees. There was some more discussion on whether or not to close the office while the employees were gone at training and the consensus was to have it open if we could but no decision on who or if it would be open was decided on.

Committee Reports:

Frank Beierlotzer stated that the mayors memorial breakfast put on by the 40 et 8 is on Memorial Day and from 6:45-7:30. There will also be a motorcycle motorcade escort that day. Contact Frank at ffb66@juno.com for more information.

James Cox – President – explained that the executive committee has created new by-laws for the commission that they would like to present for a vote at the next meeting. The by-law proposals will be mailed out to each of the 16 veterans' organizations to let them know and ask for their attendance to vote.

Old Business

Doll House Progress – Tammy Anderson stated that the office had record of 85 tickets being sold already. Frank Beierlotzer then stated he had 30 more to turn in. It was explained that the office would take the money for the tickets and then turn the money over to John Davis, treasure, each month at the board meeting.

New Business

James Cox , president, stated that the employees would be gone at training for the June meeting and asked that the meeting be moved to June 2, 2014 instead with the same time and location. The general consensus was that this would be fine and therefore the meeting night was changed.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Boorsma with no discussion

Meeting closed at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations

Voting Monday April 14, 2014

		Superintendents Report					
Veterans of Foreign Wars							
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Stefan Skopek	Y					
	A: Tod Latham						
Post# 2287 DeKalb	D: Travis Petrie	Y					
	A: Rick Cliffe						
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Stephen Walz	Y					
	A: Steve Kreitzer						
Post #8387 Genoa	D:						
	A:						
DeKalb County VietNow							
Post #66 DeKalb	D: John Davis	Y					
	A:						
American Legion							
Post #66 DeKalb	D:Randy Smith	Y					
	A:Dan Gallagher						
Post #99 Sycamore	D:Tim Timmer	Y					
	A:Gene Ege						
Post #181 Sandwich	D: George Murphy	Y					
	A: Rick Felstead						
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin						
	A: Herb Holderman	Y					
Post #598 Hinckley	D:						
	A:						
Post #654 Waterman	D:James Cox						
	A: Robert Bend	Y					
Post # 772 Somonauk	D:Roger Wiley						
	A:						
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Dan Gallagher						
	A:						
40 et 8 Voiture 207							
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Frank Beierlotzer	Y					
	A: Joe Newby						
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County							
Post #1010 Kingston	D: Stefan Kristan						
	A: Joe Chavez						
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb							
Post #1010 Kingston	D:Steve Marberry						
	A:Mike Boorsma	Y					



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	49
Outstation	6
Phone	7
VA Pension	5
VA Education	3
VA Healthcare	14
VA Compensation	12
VA Other	29

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$11,560.42	\$74,331.74	\$85,892.16
To Date	\$33,941.66	\$280,182.19	\$314,123.85

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$15,374.89
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$530.39
Salaries & Benefits	\$18,709.25
Training & Meetings	\$1,200.00
Office Expenses	\$5,656.53
Public Relations	\$97.52
Total	\$41,568.58

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Food	40	\$2,775.00
Shelter	32	\$10,100.00
Utilities	26	\$1,966.89
Other (Remaining Aldi)		\$225.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$308.00
Total	98	\$15,374.89

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	23	
Transported	27	
Miles	4248	
Fuel (gallon)	176.90	
Fuel Cost		\$505.93
Maintenance (Gas Cap)		\$24.46
Total		\$530.39

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2014 BUDGET	100%	\$536,600.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-15%	-\$78,683.45
EXPEDITURES	-8%	-\$41,568.58
BALANCE	78%	\$416,347.97

Restricted Fund Balance

\$421,743.46



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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014
VETERANS ASSISTANCE / TRANSPORTATION



Towns	Shelter		Utilities		Food		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ 100.00	1	2
DeKalb	\$ 5,600.00	17	\$ 892.50	13	\$ 1,525.00	19	13
Fairdale	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
Genoa	\$ 850.00	3	\$ 290.56	4	\$ 325.00	6	4
Hinckley	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 80.00	1	\$ 50.00	1	0
Kingston	\$ 400.00	1	\$ -	0	\$ 100.00	1	0
Kirckland	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
Malta	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	0
Sandwich	\$ 1,150.00	3	\$ 220.00	2	\$ 250.00	3	0
Shabbona	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 80.00	1	\$ 50.00	1	0
Somonauk	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 115.00	1	\$ 50.00	2	1
Sycamore	\$ 1,350.00	5	\$ 288.83	4	\$ 325.00	6	7
Total	\$ 10,100.00	32	\$ 1,966.89	26	\$ 2,775.00	40	27



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01/17/2014

Dear Veterans Organization,

In an effort to work better with the veterans organizations of DeKalb County our office would like to inform you about some new goals we are having. We feel that with the rising cost of website design and management there are a lot of veterans organizations that can't afford or don't know how to do this. The plan is to create a central location for all the veterans' organizations in DeKalb County and hopefully increase benefits knowledge, membership in your organization, and participation at events by the veteran and nonveteran communities.

There are two pages we want to add to our website. The first page is to have contact information for your organization. That means your organization name, address, phone number, meeting times, link to your website and a short two to three sentence blurb about your organization and its mission. The second page will be an events page where updates will be submitted the last Monday of each month. So if you would like to have an event listed you will need the event name, sponsoring organization, time, location, and event description. There are forms attached to this letter that we would like you to use for submitting information.

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing for your organization and together we will raise awareness for veteran's benefits and participation in your organization.

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Veterans Organization Contact Information

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Meeting times and location: _____

Website Link: _____

2-3 sentence description of your organization

I authorize DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) to use this information and post it to their website page. All the information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I will submit updates to the information in a timely manner and on the approved form from the DCVAC.

Commander/President/Commandant (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

4/28/2014



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Veterans Organization Event

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Event Name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Event Description: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____