

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2018

Present: Bob Warnke, Joe Maehl, Roy Rogers, Dale Witzke, Tom Snider, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

Others Present: None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:05 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motioned carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:40 p.m., second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated January 8, 2018. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated February 12, 2018. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed report. Expense target per month is about \$3,300. There are \$909 of 2017 carry overs going through the committee process. These consist of donations plus the balance of what was left in VSC at end of year.

Old Business: Benefit Specialist Wendy Conger is retiring as of 2/28/18. The current Administrative Assistant, Greg Brittnacher will be taking over this position and the office will be hiring for his position.

-Office Open House slated for April 18, 1-6 pm.

-New VSC letter distributed that will be sent to habitual users of the Commission. Basically they will be required to figure their finances out before requesting further assistance. This can be displayed by going to a financial class. This letter will also be sent to those that need to seek other assistance from our check list before another request is done. Several will be sent out from today's applications.

-Joe has spoken to the director of the Fox Valley Veterans Council. They would like to work together with our VSC. They currently serve Outagamie and the northern part of Winnebago County but would like to expand and spend more in the southern portion of the county. Joe will pursue this relationship.

-Rosemary Pitz passed away last year and the Veterans Office was in her will. Office will be receiving about \$16,000 from her estate.

New Business: Joe recently testified on behalf of funding the Veterans Outreach & Recovery Program (VORP). These individuals are out on the street and going to the homeless shelters trying to assist those veterans who have a mental health diagnosis, substance abuse issue or are homeless. Funding for this program now goes onto the full legislature for approval. Funding amount is \$1.2 million.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Joe Maehl moved to adjourn, seconded by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor