VACWC – Commission Meeting Minutes

10 April 2024

Meeting Opened: 1730

Location: Ross Pearson VFW Post 5149 – Rockford, IL

Attendees:

* Dave Davis – VACWC President
* Nancy Clark – Administrative Committee
* Terrell Davis – Personal and Services Committee
* Jesus Pereira - Superintendent
* Ken VanLandeghem – American Legion #288
* Gary Holmes – American Legion #332
* George Meissen – American Legion Post #1207
* Gene Schaefer – VFW Post 5149
* Eric Willard – Vietnam Veterans of America #984
* Jerome Egilske – Vietnam Veterans of America #984
* Ruben Hernandez – VFW Post #2955
* Fernando Delgado – VFW Post #5149
* Debra Hoover – VACWC Secretary
* Robert Lamay – Guest – Navy Club Ship #1

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion: R. Hernandez 2nd: Terrell Lewis

No Public Comments

Presidents Report – Dave Davis

* Welcome members and guests
* Acknowledged 2nd meeting of the new commission
* Reminder to complete FOYA and OMA training – must obtain your certificate – sent to VACWC Secretary
* Motion to accept Presidents Report: Motion: Gene Schaefer 2nd: Gary Holmes

Administrative Coordinator Report – Nancy Clark

* Notice: 4/11 Advisory Workshop Meeting – review this evenings meeting
* Notice: 5/01 Advisory Workshop Meeting – prep for next full commission meeting
* Received notification that we need to form an appeals committee, if interested meet with Nancy after the meeting
* Motion to accept Administrative Report: Motion: Nancy Clark 2nd: Gene Schaefer

Services Coordinator Report – Terell Lewis

* Discuss new VAC leave policy updates – as soon as Jesus Pereira gives the word we will bring it to the full commission to approve
* Services Manual Implementation
  + Several changed will be implemented
  + Finance hurdles – County does not fully support giving money directly to veteran
* Motion to accept Services Coordinator Report – Motion: Terell Lewis 2nd: Gary Holmes

Finance Coordinator – Position vacant

* Reviewed financial report year to date
* Motion to accept financial report: Motion: Terrell Lewis 2nd: Nancy Clark

Superintendent Report – Jesus Pereira

* Office Updates – obtained Fleet WEX fuel cards for VAC Vans, working with CAPRI to get better access to Medical Records, MEDMAN is in final stages of completing website
* Reviewed VAC numbers:
  + General assistance, emergency assistance
* Updated forms for VSO’s are completed and being used in office
* Shared outreach efforts
  + Mr. Lamay shared information on the Springfield Convention in July – could be a good opportunity to earn money for your location
  + Spoke about Army Funerals and requesting an Army Office to present at funeral
  + Survival and burial team
* Spoke about WIN ALERT
* If you have a change in e-mail or phone number please advise VACWC Secretary
* Motion to accept Superintendent Report: Motion: Nancy Clark 2nd: Ruben Hernandez

No Correspondence

No Unfinished Business

New Business

* Superintendent Evaluation – Read and Approved
* Finance Coordinator Election – Nominated: Terrell – strong background in finance and military
* Recognized Eric for staring the process and opening the gates for the VAC moving forward
* We will wait until next month to elect service coordinator
* Terrell noted that we need a new financial policy – our current one is ancient

Veteran Community Events

* Reminder, April 23rd, 11:00 am – Webinar to review MVAA – must register to attend
* Mission BBQ offers free sandwiches to Military on certain days
* Upcoming VA Hire Event

Closing

Motion to Adjourn: Nancy Clark 2nd: Gary Holmes

Meeting Adjourned 1851 hours