

Present: Larry Jelinek

W. Tom Zilhaver

Raymond Taylor

Charlotte Ann Jones

Guest: Jessie Lee Valth

Meeting opened at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes of September 11, 2017 approved as presented.

W. Tom Zilhaver gave the treasurer's report.

Approximately \$10k in general fund. Grant fund owes us \$8k. Nothing unusual during the month.

Income expenses have been divided from rent and general office supplies.

Life Membership has 13 members now.

Report showing number of people attending meetings and the number of volunteer hours has been made.

Hopefully this will be good information for grant writing. Does not include office sign-in sheet.

Call was made to Glenda concerning insurance. Board of Director's insurance should remain about the same and Glenda is checking on the event liability insurance.

Wilson, Beckle, and Rae Accounting Services were contacted, they do not perform audits for 501(c) 3 organizations. We will have to contact Sharon Larson to do a pre-audit, then find a private auditor.

Tom Z. will wait to discuss alternatives with Angelo Cotti when he arrives in October.

Larry Jelinek stated that the **Stand Down in Durango is Thursday, October 5**. We will have a table, computer, printer, checks, power cords, membership applications, and grant forms to service the veterans.

Firewood (oak) has been located and Bill Kurwick has volunteered to cut it to special lengths as requested for Pepe Yanis. Jessie Lee Valth will be calling to find more wood and someone to handle it.

Raymond Taylor suggested a fundraiser "**Festival of the Trees**". It is \$50 per entry. **Trees are presented on December 1. Trees are purchased by the entrants, decorated on Nov. 28/29th**. Trees are auctioned off. The trees are raffled off and auctioned. Trees are also donated to needy. **Ken Craig and Charlotte Jones will Co-chair the project.**

Michelle, Secretary, from CUMU will be discussing the office lease renewal. Lease will be up in January, 2018.

Toys for Tots was discussed. April Cervantes is helping Thomas Audetat.

Thomas A. would like to have a dance on October 28th (Saturday), at the Fairgrounds. Security can be covered by San Juan Mounted Troup. No further details at this time.

Loaves and Fishes will be October 26, desserts will have to be provided. Mary Miller stated they could cook for us. Expense for desserts was approved.

Charlotte Jones presented a rough draft of the 2017 Activities to be included in an annual report at the end of the year. Volunteer hours will be included in the report when compiled. Please advise of any items missed.

Operation Veteran Re-Connect will be scheduled for Spring, 2018.

There are no items for a yard sale now. Sheets have been washed and bagged. A load has gone to Texas for flood victims, and a load is being done for the **Clothing Give Away, Saturday, October 21, at St. Patrick's Church.** Thanks to Kathy Baisdon and Kristie Baisdon for washing/folding/bagging!

Breakfast Meeting at Dorothy's is Tuesday, October 3, at 9 a.m. Speakers will be County Commissioner, Ron Maez, and Sheriff Rick Valdez addressing the need for the new jail and how it will be financed.

The status of the 2005 Subaru that was donated was questioned. Larry Jelinek stated that the windshield needed repair and there was a problem with the clutch. Nothing has been done yet.

Jessie Lee Valth presented additional procedures for the proposed **Veterans Outdoor Recreation Program.** The program will be under the umbrella of Veterans for Veterans 501(c) 3 with separate banking and accounting to be provided by the Veteran Outdoor Recreation Program. This program will run for 2 years.

Veteran participants will present DD214 at time of registration. Veterans must be vetted.

No alcoholic beverages or drug use during event. No weapons allowed.

Meal vouchers to local restaurants will be \$15.00 per person per meal.

Transportation will be provided to each event. A counselor will be provided for each event.

The Veterans Administration will possibly provide counselors as well.

Vets4Vets will provide the promotional support through the website, face book, and volunteer support. Mr. Valth presented a proposed budget per veteran of \$1,505. Kathy Ivy with the VA Recreational Therapy department has been contacted. The projected beginning date is the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 2018. No "up front" monies are being requested from Vets4Vets. **Expected date of November 1, 2017, to have the proposal completed and in writing so that the board can consider it.**

Homemakers Group, Thursday, November 9, 11:30 a.m. at CUMC. Veterans for Veterans will be receiving a donation. Larry Jelinek, Tom Zilhaver, and Charlotte Jones will attend.

Paperwork for the invoices for payment from Dr. Sharon Carter were discussed. DD214's have been received from all participants. Procedure for verification and payment request has been agreed upon. Invoices will go to Gary Hennemann first, then to Raymond Taylor, VSO, when no funding is available, the invoice will be presented to Vets4Vets to pay out of general funds.

Motion to pay the invoices for June and July for Dr. Sharon Carter. W. Tom Zilhaver/second by Larry Jelinek. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Ann Jones, Secretary

Date approved _____