

Present:	Larry Jelinek	W. Tom Zilhaver	Wayne "Max" Maxwell
	Thomas Audetat	Raymond Taylor	Charlotte Ann Jones
Guests:	Kenneth L. Craig	Jessie Lee Vault	
Absent:	George Love		

Meeting was opened by Larry Jelinek at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented by email.

Ken Craig has asked Angelo Ciotti to check on cost of liability insurance for Vets 4 Vets. Hopefully have answers by next meeting.

A veteran has requested that Vets4Vets help with closing in his walkway. No one volunteered at the last meeting. Ken Craig will present the need again at the next meeting.

Vets for Vets is no longer responsible for Airport Self Storage Unit C17. Thanks to Ken Craig and Tom Zilhaver for delivering the veterans property to him. Airport Self Storage Unit is A11.

Ken Craig has volunteered to make visits to veterans in Pine Ridge Nursing Home.

Anyone wanting to work on Tri-fold brochure is welcome. Estimated cost is \$700.

People that are going to provide fire wood are still out of town.

Tom Zilhaver gave the financial report. The grant owes us \$4,200. Whenever Vets4Vets writes a check to anyone under the grant, the person receiving the check must supply us with a paid receipt. This process delays us from getting our requests submitted in a timely manner and delays the money coming back to us.

Charlotte Jones requested a report on what has been spent from the grant and a grant balance. Tom will incorporate that information in the financial report and what is available in each category of the grant.

Larry Jelinek reported that Misty Weiser of Volunteers of America will be resigning. She will be at meeting tomorrow with new director.

Larry Jelinek will not be available to attend the Homemaker's Luncheon and confirmed that Tom Zilhaver and Charlotte Jones will be attending. Events planned for veterans:

November 9:

Homemaker's Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church. Vets4Vets to receive a donation.

Movie at Liberty Theatre sponsored by Next Home Realty begins at 5 p.m. A donation of \$10 is suggested for two movies (Unbroken and Good Morning, Viet Nam)

November 10

Veterans breakfast at Community Center by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students begins at 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Boy Scouts will be having a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:00p.m.

Knights of Columbus will have desserts at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

November 11

Flag ceremony at American Legion Hall at 11 a.m. with a potluck dinner sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker for breakfast meeting will be Harlene Russell from Southern Ute Community Action in Ignacio. She will be speaking about Suicide Prevention Program.

Larry Jelinek requested a sign-up sheet for the Board of Directors election in December. Installation of officers will be at the Annual meeting in January, 2018.

Raymond Taylor presented an invitation to a Veteran's Town Hall, Thursday, November 16, 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 878 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Durango. Raymond expressed disappointment that the two speakers at the Town Hall will not accept questions from the public. Counselors have been meeting together with Raymond to prevent what has happened with a veteran who was charged with domestic violence when it was actually a mental health issue. The person coming from Albuquerque is from Veterans' Justice Outreach Specialist and hopefully can give us some information on Veterans court and protocol for veterans. Secretary of Veterans Affairs is backing down on adding to Agent Orange presumptives.

**Should we allow open gun carrying in our meetings? We should have a board opinion on the subject. Tabled.**

Thomas Audetat reported that Life Memberships are going well. We have 20 memberships at present. Toys for Tots is having difficulty locating a place to store and disburse the toys. Various buildings were discussed. Toys for Tots meets on Wednesdays, 1 p.m., at Justice Ministries. Committee members are April Cervantes, Alice Willis, Ken Craig, George Love, and Thomas Audetat.

Salvation Army sign-up sheets are filled up.

Veterans Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Charlotte Jones and Tom Zilhaver will go after Homemaker's potluck to set up the table at the breakfast. Raymond Taylor will be doing a Flag Tribute at the breakfast.

Festival for Trees will be November 30, noon to 6 p.m. in the Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary will be helping. Max Maxwell will provide a tree. Jason Maxwell will provide a tree or we can get one at forest service.

**Motion was made to purchase a tree for the Festival of Trees by Tom Zilhaver/ Larry Jelinek. Unanimously approved.**

Tuesday, November 28, we will begin decorating. Committee members are Charlotte Jones, Ken Craig, Olivia Craig, Christy Schill, and Alice Willis. If the tree does not sell at auction, unanimous agreement we give it to A.J. Schill and his family. Purchase of power card and supplies are authorized.

Jessie Lee Vault reported on the Veterans Outdoor Recreation Therapy Program. Grant is under Therapy Works for counseling combat veterans. Response to the program is good. Confirmation is needed from Veterans for Veterans to put a donate button on the website for Wilderness Journey, to use mission statements, and add links. Five activities include horseback riding, trips to Mesa Verde, rafting, and fishing. C K Patel with Quality Resort will be providing hotel accommodations. Money will come to Vets4Vets and then be paid out from a separate account. Estimated cost per person is \$575. Wilderness Journey will be taking the responsibility to pay out. Six (6) persons is the minimum.

**Motion to accept the Veterans Outdoor Recreation Therapy Program to operate under the umbrella of Veterans for Veterans of Archuleta County made by Tom Zilhaver/seconded by Larry Jelinek. Motion approved.**

**Motion to create a separate banking account for Veterans Outdoor Recreation Therapy Program with Tom Zilhaver as the primary signature with Larry Jelinek, the second signer, made by Wayne Maxwell/seconded by Thomas Audetat. Motion approved.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Charlotte Ann Jones, Secretary**