

Present:	Larry Jelinek	Wayne "Max" Maxwell	W. Tom Zilhaver
	Raymond Taylor	Thomas Audetat	Charlotte Ann Jones
Absent:	George Love		
Guest:	Kenneth Craig	Angelo Ciotti	

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Larry Jelinek.

W. Tom Zilhaver gave the following Treasurer's Report:

*Cash report was presented. Breakfast was netted out. Detail report given. Calculations show that we are spending approximately \$1,500 per month. Rent will be doubling at \$200 a month.

*Charlotte Jones reported that the Masonic Lodge will be offered for us to rent. Ground level access is available. The meeting for the Masonic Meeting will be tonight. Tabled.

*Insurance for Directors will remain at \$780. No quote on event insurance as yet.

*Breakfast meal will be October 17, 2017 due to the Clothing Give Away at St. Patrick's Church.

*Clarification on expenditures for Sharon Carter were discussed. Payment approved.

Motion to require a DD214, veteran status on driver's license, or VA medical ID card to pay benefits from General Funds made by Tom Zilhaver/Seconded by Max Maxwell. Motion passed.

Vagrants are required by grant to be a resident of Colorado.

Policies and procedures are required to show our latest requirement for a DD214.

Abe Torres with Workforce has provided a list of employers that are hiring. Veterans have first priority.

Larry Jelinek reported that the Stand Down in Durango was a great success. Over 130 veterans attended on October 5. Stand Down will be on October 4, 2018. Checks were written for two (2) hotel rooms and one for a set of tires. The veteran with the tires was living in his RV and the tires were bald. He can now make medical appointments during the winter. Veterans for veterans donated four (4) sleeping bags and four (4) camo shirts and jackets. The Methodist Thrift Store in Durango donated \$25.00 toward the sleeping bags and shirts.

Charlotte Jones suggested that we need more publicity or have a flyer available to let the veterans know what our part in the Stand Down could provide for the veterans attending. Banner would have been helpful. Thomas suggested a meeting prior to the Stand Down to helping providers to explain the type of help available to veterans.

There has been a new person take over the Volunteers of America. Misty is no longer working for the VOA.

Larry, Tom, and Raymond will visit with the new leader to strengthen the collaboration.

Loaves and Fishes will be Thursday, October 26. Vets 4 Vets will be serving Sloppy Joe's and Mary Miller and helper will be baking the desert cakes. All the food will be bought at one time.

Minutes of the September 25, 2017, approved as posted.

Mary Walls has wood delivered and needs to have the wood stacked. She will pay.

Raymond Taylor, VSO, gave update. TriCare will be changing. Was involved in watching webinars.

Meetings have been held to provide mental health for cases of domestic violence. Behavioral health help is needed especially for veterans. Axis Health, Hospital, Counselors, and VSO have been trying to get a process and procedure set up.

Minutes will be archived on the website and six months will show on the web site.

Brad Winkle is an attorney for veterans and will be attending the Operation Veteran Connect when planned.

New Business:

New hats have been ordered. The red hats have been back ordered.

Audit has not been planned. No one willing to do the audit has been contracted. Mrs. Larson has offered to come and do a pre-audit.

Festival of the Trees, application is available through the Community Center, get application through Tracy. Charlotte Jones will follow-up with the application.

Thursday, November 9, Homemakers will be presenting a check. We are invited to attend the potluck at the Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m..

Friday, November 10 is the Junior High School Breakfast for veterans beginning at 7:30 a.m.. A table of information will be provided by Vets 4 Vets. (November 11 is on a Saturday). Students have requested a demonstration on flag folding.

Toys for Tots is beginning today. Thomas Audetat will be chairing.

St. Patrick's Church is having a Clothing Give Away on Saturday, October 21, 8 am to 12 noon. Veterans are invited on Thursday, October 19, 2017, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to have a first choice and to not have a crowd present.

Harlene Russell, Suicide Prevention Coordinator from the Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc., P.O. Box 800, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 759-5201, has agreed to come to our meeting and talk about suicide prevention. Projected date is the 1st Breakfast meeting on November 7th. Ms. Russell will be glad to come to our Operation Veteran Reconnect.

Gary Hennimann has reported they have six (6) more years toward the mental health contract for Archuleta County. The grant includes the women's group.

Charlotte Jones has registered for the class "Board Development" presented by the Community Foundation. Classes are October 10, October 24, and November 7, in Durango. Mrs. Jones will take the classes and then teach our board what is learned. The course includes access to Community Foundation Information and Grant Information Training as well. Topics include "Legal Responsibilities of Board Members", "Basic Responsibilities of Board Members", and "Resources".

Wood is available for Pepe. It has to be cut to order.

Next meeting is Monday, October 23, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Ann Jones, Secretary

Date approved _____