



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

7 September 2016

Chairperson Norman Arflack called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

- ❖ Melissa DeAnne Hall (KDVA Executive Secretary) called roll.
- ❖ **Members Present:** Chairperson Norman Arflack (KDVA), Ben Adams (Kentucky National Guard), Ted Austin (Am Legion), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), Richard Eisert (JECVO), Dave Jarrett (DAV), Carl Kaelin (VFW), and Carlos Pugh (At-Large), Larry Roberts (Governor's Advisory Board)
- ❖ **Members Absent:** Vice-Chairperson Heather French Henry.
- ❖ The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - ✓ Board approved minutes from 3 June 2016 meeting as presented.

Approval of Finance Report

- ❖ Activity Report – FY 17 (July 2016 – June 2017) Period Ending July 2016
 - ✓ Board approved Finance Report as presented.
 - ✓ Board approved to obligate \$460.00 to the Women Veterans Program. Funds were
 - ✓ Board approved to obligate \$2,000 of \$6,402 that was donated from the Kentucky Society Children of the American Revolution.

Old Business

- ❖ Honor Flight Bluegrass – Previous request was tabled as the membership had questions. Mr. Doug Foster & Dr. Keith Knapp came before the Board to answer all questions.
 - ✓ Board voted to approve the requested \$20,000 to purchase software for Honor Flight Bluegrass.

New Business

- ❖ Veterans Tribute Group, Inc
 - ✓ Funding to assist in purchasing/constructing a permanent 80% replica of the Vietnam Wall in Elizabethtown, Kentucky - **\$100,000**
 - The Board voted to approve \$50,000 of the request. This money will be held for one-year and is to be given as the last of the construction funding.

- ❖ Upside Therapeutic Riding
 - ✓ Funding to assist in providing equine-facilitated therapy and activities to improve the lives of veterans with PTSD – **\$16,200**
 - Board voted to approve \$10,800 to assist with the equine therapy program for veterans, and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter

- ❖ Hopewell Museum
 - ✓ Funding to off-set the costs of offering veterans and their families free admission for the exhibit “The Great War: Kentucky and Beyond”. The funds will also fund the accompanying lecture series - **\$3,325**
 - The Board voted to approve \$3,065 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

- ❖ Open Hands Food Pantry
 - ✓ Funds to purchase items such as toiletries, blankets, socks, etc. to be given out during the 15 October Stand Down in Lawrenceburg – **\$5,000.**
 - The Board voted to approve the requested \$5,000.

- ❖ KDVA Commissioner’s Office
 - ✓ Funding to allow for the purchase of “Commissioner” coins. These coins would be presented to individuals outside the agency to bring recognition to the Department – **\$2,000.**
 - Board voted to approve the requested \$2,000.

- ❖ KDVA Benefits Branch
 - ✓ Funding to be used to replenish outreach kits used by KDVA’s 20 Field Benefits Representatives that service Kentucky’s 120 counties – **\$10,000.**
 - Board voted to approve the requested \$10,000.

❖ Pennyroyal Center

- ✓ Funds to assist in purchasing a van to transport resident veterans to and from their medical appointments - **\$30,000**
 - The Board voted to table this request. They wanted the organization to come back with quotes from different dealerships.

❖ American Legion 18

- ✓ Funds to assist in purchasing a van to transport member to and from military funerals in the area - **\$9,000**
 - The Board voted to obligate to the requested \$9,000, and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ VFW 3634

- ✓ No action was taken by the Board as the organization did not have representation present.

❖ American Legion Post 12

- ✓ Funds to assist with the Legion On-Site Computer Affording Location (LOCAL) program - **\$12,233.93**
 - The Board voted to table this request. They requested the organization return with quotes of different computers for this program.

❖ American Legion Post 12

- ✓ Funding to purchase kitchen equipment for Operation Legion Dining Facility (LDFAC). This will be used to provide a friendly location for veterans, service members, and immediate family to dine at least once a month at no charge - **\$17,740.81**
 - The Board voted to deny the requested funding.

❖ National Alliance on Mental Illness Bowling Green

- ✓ No action was taken by the Board as the organization did not have representation present.

❖ Sheppard's Hands

- ✓ Funding to provide Art Therapy Dinner & Painting Event (\$3,000), Financial Literacy Program (\$5,000), Healthy Living Workshops (\$3,000), and the establishment of six (6) local chapters of Lady Vets Connect (\$6,000) - **\$17,000**
 - The Board voted to obligate \$6,000 of the requested \$17,000.

❖ NABVETS

- ✓ No action was taken by the Board as the organization did not have representation present.

Discussion

Next Meeting

- Date: 14 December 2016
- Time: 10:00 A.M.
- Place: KY Department of Veterans Affairs
Conference Room

Adjournment

- There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn.
 - ❖ Motion for adjournment was approved unanimously.



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Chairperson
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