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), Vice-Chairperson Heather French Henry, Ted Austin (Am Legion), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), COL Michael Ferguson (Kentucky National Guard, but not appointed as of meeting date), Dave Jarrett (DAV), Carlos Pugh (At-Large), and Larry Roberts (Governor's Advisory Board)
- **Members Absent:** Carl Kaelin (VFW), and Richard Eisert (JECVO)
- 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 7 September 2016 meeting as presented.
  - Board approved the request to amend the 11 December 2015 minutes to show the obligation of $50,000 to the Kentucky Veterans Home instead of VisionWorks.

Approval of Finance Report

  - Board approved Finance Report as presented.

Old Business

- Byron Marlowe with Life Adventure Center & Lindsey Gargotto of Athena Sisters updated the board members on the female veteran retreat that received money from the Trust Fund.

- **Pennyroyal Center – Jeff Broadbent**
  - Organization requested funding at the 7 September 2016 to assist in purchasing a van to transport resident veterans to and from their medical appointments. The Board requested they return with estimates to purchase a van – $30,000
    - The Board voted to obligate $20,000 toward the request.
New Business

- **NABVETS – Dr. Jim Thurman**
  - Funding to assist the organization in continuing and expanding the services they are now providing to veterans throughout the Commonwealth - $46,873
    - The Board voted to obligate $2,100 toward the request.

- **Russell Co. Honor Guard – Frank Irvin & LTC (Ret) Larry Rogers**
  - Funding to assist in purchasing a van to transport members to and from burials and other events they participate in - $15,000
    - The Board voted to approve $10,000 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

- **Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame – Gary Griesser & Jim Claypoole**
  - Funding to help offset expenses and operational cost of the KY Veterans Hall of Fame - $25,000
    - The Board voted to approve $5,000 to help offset expenses and operational cost of the KY Veterans Hall of Fame and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

- **Honor Flight Kentucky – George Campbell & Phil Pittman**
  - Funding to assist in the expense of transporting WW II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans to Washington, DC for the day to visit military memorials and Arlington Cemetery - $25,000.
    - The Board voted to approve $25,000 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

- **Lady Veterans Connect – Sherry Whitehouse & Angie Hawkins**
  - Funding to host a spring conference for female veterans as well as active duty women. This will provide a forum where the women can share their concerns and needs - $14,376.
    - The Board voted to approve the requested $10,000 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.
Spirit of Sophia – Dana Walker
✓ Funding to provide scholarships to ten (10) women veterans to attend a day retreat on 25 March 2017 titled “Healing the World from the Inside Out” – $950
  o The Board voted to obligate the requested $950, and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

The Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute – Clint Meshew & Walter Reed
✓ Funding to assist in the construction of a memorial to be placed at the entrance to the Radcliff Veterans Center - $25,000
  o The Board voted to obligate $10,000 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

Vietnam Veterans of America State Council – Jack & Kathy Mattingly
✓ Funding to assist with the purchase of a Vietnam Traveling Wall for the State of Kentucky - $26,430
  o The Board voted to deny the request. They suggested the organization raise some of the money and come back for reconsideration.

Kentucky Historical Society – Kentucky Whitworth, Julie Kemper & Bill Bright
✓ Funding to assist with a new exhibit to the west side of the state arsenal’s 2nd floor. The exhibit will focus on COL George M. Chinn – $25,000
  o The Board voted to obligate $15,000 and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

Dancing Well – Deborah Denenfeld, Roosevelt Smith, III
✓ Funding to be used for recreational, physical and social outlets for veterans and loved ones affected by PTSD or brain injury. Funds will cover the expenses of two (2) ten-session dance series. – $25,000
  o The Board voted to table the request and ask they come back with more information.

KDVA Commissioner’s Office
✓ Funding for the purchase of Kentucky State Flags. The flags will be given to individuals as they retire or reenlist and serve aboard the USS Kentucky – $1,000.
  o Board voted to approve the requested $1,000.
Discussion

Next Meeting
- Date: 8 March 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.

Norman E. Arflack
Chairperson
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund