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MINUTES

DATE: April 7, 2010 9:31 a.m.

PRESENT: Daniel T. Weist, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
Frank Pocci, Secretary
Thomas Zung, Commissioner
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Thomas O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS: Art Stone, VFW 7647/A.L. 451

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Weist, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Thomas Zung – VFW

- I attended the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners District 2 Spring meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9520, 1439 South Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, Ohio.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- March 7th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Spring Conference at Post 421 at 10:00 a.m., where I serve as District Judge Advocate.
- March 11th – I conducted the post membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. as Post Commander.
- March 17th – I attended the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Post 91.
- March 22nd – I attended the American Legion 13th District E-board meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Post 421.
- March 25th – I conducted the Post 91 E-board meeting at 7:00 p.m. as Post Commander.
- March 27th – I attended the 2nd District meeting held in Brunswick, Ohio at VFW post 9520.

Upcoming events for April 2010:

- ◻ April 7th – American Legion 13th District meeting to be held at Post 703 at 7:30 p.m.
- ◻ April 8th – American Legion Post 91 membership meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m.
- ◻ April 9th & 10th – OSAVSC meeting in Dublin, Ohio
- ◻ April 21st – CCVSC outreach meeting at Euclid VFW Post 1056 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◻ April 22nd – Post 91 E-board meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m.
- ◻ April 24th – planning to attend fundraising event for Dennis Clausing to be held at American Legion Post 421 – candidate for Commander – Dept. of Ohio, American Legion

Bob Potts – VVA

- March 2nd – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 board meeting. We published the candidates for election that will be held at the April Membership meeting.
- March 16th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 membership meeting. The guest speaker did a presentation titled, “Many Faces of Old Glory.”
- March 17th – I attended the St. Patrick’s Day event at American Legion Post 91.
- March 27th – I attended the 2nd District meeting in Brunswick, Ohio at VFW Post 9520.
- April 6th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 board meeting. Plans began for the Memorial Day Parade that will be in Bay Village, Ohio on Monday, May 31st. Step off will be at 8:45 a.m. from Huntington Park.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- April 7th – I attended the AMVETS Post 80 General meeting. I gave my financial report for the month ending March 31st.
- AMVETS Post 80 sponsored bingo at the Brecksville VAMC on March 8th.
- AMVETS Post 80 had honor guard duties at Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio on April 6th.
- March 30th, I contacted VFW Post 3345 in Strongsville, Ohio for the sponsorship of our October open public meeting. The request will be reviewed. However, if approved, it would have to be on a Thursday, as Wednesdays are already set aside for other post functions.
- March 11th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 General meeting.
- March 12th – I had a conversation with Nick Szabo, who works with veterans at the vet center, and reviewed with him specifics regarding the role of the CCVSC. He has referred a number of veterans to the CCVSC and wanted to review a few things so that he had a better understanding. I had already provided him with brochures in the past.
- March 23rd – I attended the funeral services for Honorable Frank Celebrezze (WWII) past Ohio Supreme Court justice. I spoke with his son, Honorable Frank Celebrezze, Jr., and presented the flag display case that was much appreciated by him and his family.
- March 26th – I attended the Italian American War Veterans (ITAM) Post 34 General meeting where 26 members were in attendance. I reviewed with the membership, the post’s mission and we welcomed three new members. We also discussed the upcoming State meeting on April 25th and attendance thereof.
- March 27th – I attended the OSAVSC District 2 meeting in Brunswick, Ohio. The meeting focused on the proper way to conduct open meetings. It was a relatively short meeting, but very efficiently done with good coverage of the subject being reviewed/discussed.

- April 1st – I attended funeral services for Daniel Zavarella (WWII), a long-time member of ITAM Post 34, and presented the family with a flag display case. They were very appreciative of this gesture.

Daniel Weist – DAV

- I attended the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners District 2 Spring meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9520, 1439 South Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, Ohio.
- I attended the March VFW regular monthly meeting and nominations for new post positions were held. A trustees meeting will be held on April 6th to address financial issues.
- American Legion Post 211 had an Easter Roll for approximately 400 children.
- I had a conversation with Dr. John Wasyluk concerning proposed changes to the Constitution. We will be discussing the issue further at the OSAVSC Spring Conference in Dublin, Ohio the weekend of April 9-11, 2010.
- Easter Sunday, I had an opportunity to visit Rittman Cemetery and enjoyed a walk down the Memorial Walkway.
- On Wednesday, March 31st, I spoke on Radio 92.3FM at 7:30 a.m., for a veterans program called, “When Johnny Comes Marching Home.”

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of John Murphy from the position of Service Manager. John has since reconsidered his decision and would like to remain in the position of Manager. A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Thomas Zung, to repeal the previous motion that accepted the resignation of John Murphy as Manager of the Service Department.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Director will follow up with Jim McCafferty, County Administrator, concerning a resolution to the Board of County Commissioners requesting compensation for Mel Baher. Commissioner Baher has been re-appointed to the American Legion seat on the CCVSC Board for the term commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2014.

The Board is in the process of reviewing current policies and guidelines and making revisions when necessary.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to accept revisions to the Guideline for Assistance (With Shoes & Clothing, Personal Hygiene & Diapers” dated 9/29/04, as read by the Executive Director.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to accept revisions to the Guideline for Restrictive Assistance dated 10/3/07, as read by the Executive Director.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Weist opened the floor to visitors for any comments or questions. The following bullet points were topics of discussion.

Art Stone

- Extended an invitation to attend National Loyalty Day, May 1, 2010, in Jefferson County
- VFW Post 7647 has received their flags for Memorial Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items for Executive Session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Thomas Zung to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Daniel T. Weist, President

Frank Pocci, Secretary

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Executive Director: Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)

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