

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 11, 2019
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Smith. All stood and stated the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Members Present: Vernell Burris, Ann Chappell, Butch Mathus, Jim Murphy, Bill Smith, Wayne Sensel, and Michael Young

Members Absent: Bill Helpingstine, Howard Jones, Hugh Moran, Judy Sutherland, and Aarons (Emeritus Status)

Administrative Staff Present: Rose Aldag-McVey, Economic Development Director

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

MINUTES - A motion was made by Burris and second by Sensel to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting, with all in favor, the motion carried.

TREASURY REPORT - The account balance as of March 31, 2019 remains \$3,306.56 with no revenue or expenditures during March reported Aldag-McVey. Mathus moved and Murphy second a motion to approve the financial report as presented, with all in favor, the motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS – Mathus reported one flag which is mounted tested well, although the other test flag had fallen, it was not due to the bracket. Murphy and Mathus will begin putting up brackets throughout town when possible so they will be ready for flag placement on May 18.

Sutherland was not in attendance to present a visual of a gray granite four-foot monument of the Korean War Memorial for Fairview Park; committee members will remind her of the need.

4th of July parade planning is underway. Moran provided a contest template and school listing. The essay contest for 8th graders will take place with the plan to pick up essays from schools on May 7th to allow time for judging and the winner's pizza party before school disburses for the summer. Aldag-McVey will request Honor Color Guard participation and Mike Schroeder calliope on wheels. Mathus will order trophies for the winners in the various categories. A US Air Force band will not be able to participate in the parade but will perform at the carnival according to Sensel.

NEW BUSINESS – Aldag-McVey presented two potential flag placement and removal schedules, it was determined the schedule which leaves flags up throughout October was the best option. She will email the schedule to all and distribute at the next meeting.

A representative from Kaskaskia College's Veterans group will attend meetings and hopefully be a good resource for flag placement and removal. Kaskaskia College is hosting a Grand Opening

for their Veteran and Military Family Student Center on April 24 at 2 pm, all Committee members were invited to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION – A representative from Kaskaskia College’s Veterans group will attend meetings and hopefully be a good resource for flag placement and removal. Kaskaskia College is hosting a Grand Opening for their Veteran and Military Family Student Center on April 24 at 2 pm, all Committee members were invited to attend.

Memorial Day service will be Saturday, May 25 at 10 am at Elmwood Cemetery. A flag ceremony at Wamac City Park will also take place.

Chappell was thanked for baking and sharing decorated cupcakes.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mathus and second by Sensel to adjourn the meeting, with all in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Aldag-McVey, Economic Development Director