

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 8, 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: Ann Chappell, Bill Helpingstine, Butch Mathus, Michael Mulvin, Jim Murphy, Bill Smith, and Wayne Sensel

Members Absent: Vernell Burris, Howard Jones, Hugh Moran, and Judy Sutherland

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

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

MINUTES – The minutes from July 11, 2019 were reviewed. Mathus moved and Murphy second the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

TREASURY REPORT – Aldag-McVey reported July additional expenditures for the Veteran's 4th of July parade for candy for the essay contest winner to distribute along with the golf carts totaled \$452.23. The total expenditures for the parade, including the pizza party for the essay contest winner's class, totaled \$2,538.70; this does not include the costs which the anonymous donor covered of \$197.50 for the eight parade trophies and for the two signs on the contest winner's vehicle at \$48.90. The balance as of July 31, 2019 was \$2,240.07. A motion was made by Murphy and second by Sensel to approve the treasurer report, with all in favor the motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS – Murphy reported 200 additional flag poles are needed to allow placement of flags along Broadway east towards IGA and to replace broken poles. It was suggested the flags, poles, and brackets be inventoried when the flags are taken down on November 16 to determine exact need. Prices from various vendors were reviewed. Mathus will bring a pole to the next meeting. The funds needed and resources were discussed. Smith will draft a solicitation letter and bring to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – New member Michael Mulvin was welcomed.

OPEN DISCUSSION – DAR held a flag pinning for local Purple Heart recipients. ABATE will hold a Backpack Back-to-School program. At the Illinois State Fair, on August 11, Veterans receive special admission. The 100th anniversary of the American Legion will be celebrated September 19th. The Soldiers' & Sailors' Reunion will be October fourth through sixth. DAR is proposing a March 30th luncheon.

A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Mathus to adjourn the meeting, with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Aldag-McVey, Director Economic Development, City of Centralia