



Kent County Veterans Services

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DRAFT minutes 03/10/2022

Committee present: Mary Johnson, Melvin Bauman, Jill Wolfe, Michael Blundell, Trish Torres, John Baxter, Chris Kamps, Reggie Howard

Committee absent: None

Staff present: Martha Burkett, Andrew Lapres, Rachel Wustman

Guests: Paul

1. Meeting called to order/ instructions-
 - A. The meeting was called to order by veterans services committee chair Mary Johnson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – lead by unknown Committee member, audio hard to hear.
3. Approval of the minutes from previous months
4. Success stories
5. Manager's report
6. A. KCVS MANAGER Martha Burkett talked about how we are under budget, and everything seems to be running smoothly. MVAA grants accepted the proposal for the additional veteran's house cleaning. Along with some additions to the art prize initiative. More specifically promotional material.
 - B. The new addendum still has to go through the finance committee and receive board approval. Hopefully it can be pushed through for signatures shortly after approval.
 - C. Community grant contracts 21, out of those 11 of them have been executed. Finance has faced some delays in processing them, but they are making progress on them.
7. Old business:
 - A. Veteran's house cleaning we so far have two applicants for it. We are going to reach out to the people again. We are going to help veterans fill out the forms. We need to be pushing this program more. We removed income criteria for eligibility. We can update flyer and make it look a little more polished.

8. New business:

- A. had a millage meeting. We are hoping to get six thousand dollars from the veteran's foundation. Waiting to hear back still. Looking into a billboard in cascade that will be done for free. We will have a table at the gun-show in June. Taking pamphlets to VFW and legions as well. Ryan Grams will be returning back to the KCVS team after being out due to an injury. Thank you to Andrew for all the hard work that he has done, while Ryan was out. We have narrowed down the new clerks down to two possible candidates. Hopefully we can get them started by April. HR has given us forms for hiring additional personnel. We are hoping to hire a full-time admin assistant next year.
 - B. Rachel has done a lot of recreational events from the grant that were very well attended, our own staff has gone and really enjoyed it. We have also gotten an art workshop to start at a care facility. We were able to connect with a child of a veteran at this same event.
 - C. Rachel would like to request some funds from the emergency relief fund. Rachel toured the community food club. We would like to give veteran's eh first month of food when they come and sign up. We would like to have a table there to talk about KCVS. All committee members were in favor of this program.
9. New activities: all of the KCVS committee members should be involved in promoting the millage. Asking people to put up yard signs, bumper stickers possibly. We should have some things deliverable by the end of March for everyone.

10. Public comment:

- A. Paul would like any electronic materials are available regarding the veteran's cleaning program. The coalition is arranging a date for a veteran's resource fair for the fall at the 44th street armory held on Saturday, September 24th. Maybe offering Covid or flu shots as well. Looking for sponsors for the vent as well.
- B. Adjournment. Veterans Services Committee Chair Mary Johnson moved adjourned to the meeting.