Southfield Veterans' Commission

Serving all Vets

Minutes: April 13, 2009

Present:

Commissioners:	Dan Brightwell, Tim Wirkus, Felix Seldon
Excused:	Ethel Grossman, Gregory Pulliam
Professional Staff:	Bryan Jarrell (excused)
Volunteers & Visitors:	Louis Robinson, Roy Bell

Call to Order (Dan Brightwell) at 6:28PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg, Room 111, with Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes:

Tim passed out copies of the March meeting minutes. On a motion by Felix, seconded by Dan, minutes were approved without correction.

Chair Report:

Veteran History Project:

Dan reported that the Bloomfield Hills Library has been in contact with him regarding us possibly doing some interviews at their library on Telegraph. Since the Library of Congress will not accept new partners they need us to assist with process. More on this subject as things progress.

Dan made a presentation to the Women's Army Corp Association at the Dingel Center. Signed up several of the ladies for interviews.

Spell Bowl:

Reported that we have received a total of $240 from the Friends of the Library from the Spell Bowl. Thanked all the members that participated.

Donation:

Reported that we received a check for $100 from the Disabled American Veterans post in Berkley. We will send them a thank you letter.

New Members:

Paperwork has been submitted to City Council for Louis Robinson to join us officially as a commissioner.

Roy Bell has submitted an application to the City Clerk to also join us as a commissioner. Roy gave a brief history of himself, his service in the Navy, some of the other commissions that he is on, and why he would like to join us.

June 26th Seminar:

Felix passed out a tentative flier that he and Louis put together along with a tentative agenda for the meeting. Members of the commission made a couple of suggested changes to both of these items and corrected a couple of other items. Louis & Felix will get the final versions to all of within the next couple of days so that releases can start going out.

Felix reported that all of the scheduled speakers for this program have confirmed their attendance.

Felix requested a budget of $250 for this event to cover refreshments, etc. On a motion by Tim, seconded by Dan, this amount was approved.

New Business:

Tim presented a letter that he received from the Ladies Auxilary of VFW post 2645, regarding a donation request toward their work on the Soldier Angel project. They were requesting $150 toward this project. On a motion by Felix, seconded by Tim, this donation request was approved. Dan will file a request with the city to have a check issued.

Dan requested that, at least for the next couple of months, we hold off making any other donations until we have a better handle on our finances.

Louis suggested that we look at methods of raising more funds. A general discussion took place among the commissioners on this topic and Roy indicated that, since he was on City Council when the commission was created, it was always assumed that this commission would be able to raise funds on its own. This will be looked into further.

The next meeting of the Veterans' Commission will take place on May 11th in the Parks & Rec Building at 6:30PM.

On a motion by Tim, seconded by Felix, the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Tim Wirkus
Secretary

Meeting minutes approved at a regular meeting on May 11, 2009.