



SOUTHFIELD VETERANS' COMMISSION MINUTES – February 11, 2019

The meeting of the Southfield Veterans' Commission was called to order by Chair Pulliam with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

G. Pulliam, G. Houston, D. Craig, B. Seldon, R Caruthers

Member Excused: C. Miller,

Members Absent: B. Clarke

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: No report

INTERIM SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes were read and accepted as corrected. The January minutes were corrected to indicate that the members present represented a quorum.

TREASURER REPORT: No report

VICE CHAIR REPORT:

Mr. Houston invited 3 guests to the meeting. They are with the Women's veterans Empowerment Group. They are: Quin Jones, Stephanie Shannon, and Shirley Hill.

Mr. Houston stated "Our organization needs to grow and we need enlarge our organization to do more for vets especially female vets. We will link with them, and provide space help, as they provide service to female Vets in Southfield and Michigan."

Mr. Houston moved that we link with the women veterans' empowerment Group and assist them as they provide services for

females. The relationship will be placed in writing (memorandum of Understanding). Mr. Manion approves of the linkage. Motion carried.

Mr. Houston stated that no veteran history interviews were accomplished and none scheduled. We cannot go forward until we get the program process from Tim Wirkus. Mr. Pulliam has volunteered to help Mr. Houston. Also, Mr. Brightwell will be contacted in case he has some ideas on the process since he has done this in the past.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Houston attended the event planned by Danny Craig at the Hannan House.

Chair Pulliam met the Bugler Rudy Wade who indicated that his cancer has returned yet he is willing to work with our program. We should be prepared just in case he is unable to attend and participate.

Barbara Seldon suggested that the number of members on the SVC be increased to 11.

It was moved and 2nd that Pulliam and Houston get together with Mr. Manion to see if we can increase our membership according our charter to 11 people. Motion carried

MEMORIAL DAY PRORAM:

Mr. Pulliam and Mr. Houston met with Michael Manion and according to Mr. Houston, Mr. Manion is agreeable with whatever we want to do, and also in retaining the program just like the last time when the Mayor planned it.

Mr. Danny Craig suggested that Mayor Siver be involved in the program.

The MLK souvenir booklet with the SVC ad was brought into the meeting and distributed to the donors by Barbara Seldon. Mr. Houston stated that Barbara's design was tasteful and the ad was well put together. Barbara Seldon thanked everyone for their personal patron donation to the MLK Program.

IDEAS FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM:

The program needs to be planned, letters written, participants contacted, and a flier designed. Duties will be assigned. It was suggested that Mr. Houston write the letters.

Barbara Seldon suggests considering a candlelight ceremony or a floral tribute. Some one from each of the wars could be there to represent and make a floral tribute.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Caruthers recommended that we invite Mr. Douglas Marble to a meeting. He is with Forgotten Heroes. All agreed.

Commissioner Caruthers will contact him.

Hearing no further business the meeting adjourned.

Barbara Seldon

Interim Secretary.