

Southfield Veterans' Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Commissioners Present: *Chairman Gerald Houston*
 Vice Chairman Dr. Rodney Caruthers
 Treasurer: Jon Eley
 Secretary: Barbara Seldon
 Chaka McDonald

Professional Staff: *Lt. Shane Russell, Liaison*

Meeting opened by Lt. Russell & Chairman Gerald Houston

SVCs' Care Package Report: By Commissioner McDonald (Attached)

SECRETARYS' RPORT: None reported

TREASURY REPORT: By Lt. Shane Russell (attached)

“On behalf of the Southfield Veterans’ Commission, I want to thank you all for your service to this mission. The SVC continues fighting as a 501(a) non-profit commissioned organization, representing the city of Southfield, fighting to maintain the benefits earned through military service...Our new motto “***No One Does More For Veterans***” - We promise to continue to prove that motto in every way possible..

Chairman Gerald D Houston

From: Chaka McDonald

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:01 PM

To: Russell, Shane; Barbara Purifoy; Dr. Rod Caruthers; Gerald Houston; John Eley

Subject: Re: Meeting Wednesday May 5th

Hello,

These are the notes I reported on in the meeting yesterday. In reference to volunteers, we will need about 10 to 12 volunteers. Two at the registration table, two to gather follow up forms, one to direct folks out of the traffic circle. About four at one time loading boxes and giveaway bags into the cars.

I am thinking the Vets from LTU could load the food boxes, the Veterans from VFW post 645/National Association could load the bags and assist with registration. I can assist with gathering the follow up forms. In regard to Rhonda Terry's youth perhaps, one or two youth could come and trade off with the LTU Vets with loading the boxes. The Army could send one of their folks to help load, once again trading off with the youth.

Traffic wise Lt. Russell stated he would have a couple of officers assisting at the traffic circles. We will need a few cones to separate incoming and exiting traffic. Feel free to let me know your thoughts.

Regards,

Chaka McDonald

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From: Russell, Shane

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 1:26 PM

To: Barbara Purifoy; Chaka McDonald; Dr. Rod Caruthers; Gerald Houston; John Eley

Subject: A Few Things

- Wrinkles have been ironed out with Meijer and the gift cards will be available for pickup Monday.
- Homeland Security Director Justin Beck has confirmed that the circle drive in-front of the library would be the best place for the event to take place. Also should present the least amount of issues with traffic flow.
- The balance in the Veterans Commission account is \$11,380.31. That is after the check for \$5,000.00 from Oakland County was deposited, but before \$2,500.00 was taken out to purchase the Meijer gift cards. So it looks like the actual balance will be \$8,880.31.

Have a great weekend,

Shane Russell

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