



# VAC EXECUTIVE BOARD

# **MEETING MINUTES**

### Meeting start time and location

- 9:30am
- 501 N. Riverside Dr, Ste 106, Gurnee

#### Members Present:

• Tom Marciciak, Andrew Tangen, Paul Hettich, Paul Baumunk, Allan Ayers, Marie Honeywell

#### **Motion to Approve Previous Minutes**

- Motion made by Delegate Ayers
  - Seconded by Delegate Hettich
  - Motion passed

### NFP Expense Report

- \$54,067.21balance in NFP account for November 2022
- Currently \$52,986.00 in NFP account for December 2022
- Motion made to approve Expense Report by Delegate Baumunk
- Motion seconded by Delegate Ayers
- Motion passed

### VAC Superintendents Report

- Superintendent Tangen stated the Trailer Bill passed the house and senate. He received a phone call on New Years Eve from the Senates President Office for a meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a four-and-a-half-hour meeting between Monday and Tuesday that week. This is still in the house to be transferred to the Governor to sign. This trailer bill is for HB 2369, which provides clearer language bout how VAC's should be structured.
- Delegate Patterson passed away on December 19<sup>th</sup>. A few members from our staff attended his wake.
- Superintendent Tangen stated there were many applications for the new VSO and two new Admin Assistants. Our first round of interviews will take place on Thursday and Friday.
- Motion to accept the Superintendent report made by Delegate Ayers
- Motion seconded by Delegate Hettich
- Motion passed



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#### **Old/New Business**

Delegate forms have been sent out. Please reach out to other posts and let them know if they would like to join our Commission meetings, please refer them to our office and we'll get them the delegate sheets.

Delegate forms are due by March first for nominations, and elections will take place in May. If the delegate sheets are not turned in, those posts will not be able to vote.

Delegate Ayers asked about the new temporary building. Superintendent Tangen stated will be meeting with IT, he spoke to the owner of the space and we are going to try to move into the new space around June/July, which will be off Dilley's Road in Gurnee.

Superintendent Tangen stated the timeframe for the new building to be built is contingent upon the owners of the two lots, which he is still in communications with. If for any reason the space we are looking at does not work out, we do have a secondary space in mind.

#### **Delegate Report**

Delegate Hettich states an article was published in the newspaper regarding issues with JROTC/Chicago/Corruption. ROTC cadet commanded is aware of this, and it is also happening elsewhere. The issue is currently at the two-star level.

Delegate Hettich proposed a grant from the NFP to donate \$375 to the American Legion Post 748 towards a project which would benefit legion members, to finish working on a tank in the town. Superintendent Tangen suggested to table this request until next meeting in March when the full board is here to vote. All members agreed.

Delegate Honeywell urges all posts to call their State Senators regarding the Veterans Affairs Committee. The annual voice democracy banquet was the first Saturday of the month. I that good participation with approximately 130 people.

Delegate Ayers states we need to continue to make vets aware that the PACT Act is in effect and that there is a New Secure Two Act which makes changes to taxes. This information will be more detailed and in the newsletter.

Delegate Marciciak states that their post is looking for an Educator of the Year award recipient, which takes place through the National Convention.

#### Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Delegate Baumunk
- Motion to adjourn seconded by Delegate Hettich



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- Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:30

<u>Next Executive Board Meeting will be held March 15, 2023 American Legion, Gurnee</u> There will be no February 2023 meeting