



ANTRIM COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tom Sandeen, Chairperson
Alissa Winters, Vice Chairperson

MEETING MINUTES –

Members present: Tom Sandeen, Joe Renis, Roger Simons, Carrie Perez, Alissa Winters, Brandon Corbin, Tim Cary

Members absent: None

Others present: None

- 1. Meeting was called to order at: 2.00**
- 2. Minutes from January 13, 2022 were read and approved:**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Tom Sandeen moves to accept the minutes as read and Roger Simon's second's.
- 3. County Veteran Burial Applications:**
 - a. Montroy were approved
 - b. Motion to approve
- 4. Invoices for Veteran Marker Settings:**
 - a. None
- 5. Antrim County Veterans Affairs Emergency Relief Fund:**
 - a. were approved
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Talk about the new commercial:

- i. Attendees to meet and discuss over coffee. Brandon will talk to Ann. Goal of Mar 01,22 for the commercial.
- ii. Autobiographies, explained content Due next month. Third week of Feb notify Joe of progress. Picture day.
- iii. Kady Cady at the Dam Shop
- iv.
- v. Motion from Roger Simon's seconded by Carrie Perez for.
 - i. Yea 4 Nay 0
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b. Coffee Talks

- i. Discussed plan for "That Dam Store" Coffee Talks Third Monday at 9:00-10:30. Carol to Coffee talk's Elk Rapids
 - i. Coffee mug
 - ii. T shirts
 - a. Sell T shirts in the future?
 - b. Pastries and coffee on us
- ii. Elk Rapids Newspaper inserts
- iii. Joe mentioned inviting WTCM Vic McCarty "On the road" radio announcer
- iv. Chili Cookoff 12:00-3:00 then Winter welcome 3:00 to 6:00
- v. MVAA grant
 - i. Wall, desk,
 - ii. Amendment 3. Cost of trailer increase \$4600.00
 - iii. Wrap adjusted

- a. Extra money from grant
 - i. \$1000 office furniture
 - ii. \$1000 Food truck on Veterans Day food for Blood Drive
 - iii. Breakfast at the Front porch.
 - 1. Ellsworth American Legion.

- c. Register services room is complete

Need Internet

- d. March 15 mailing with MVAA to all veterans in our county. Ship letters to them for them to mail out. County pays for the postage.
- e. Articles, Truth of the matter...talks about veterans taking from other veterans, am I a veteran. Antrim and Elk Rapids News.
- f. Tim off on 16,17th
- g. Monthly newsletter as well.
- h. Action request submitted to Brad request to hire someone one month prior to Tim's retirement.
- i. Receptionist is up and running.
 - a. No updates for web page
 - b. Facebook still leading advertisement for activities
 - c. Zapier program doesn't match current county programs
- j. ID Me, Home Depot registration
- k. Budget: Grant money in account
- l. Ed Boucher unable to make this meeting because of conflicting schedule

- m. Newspaper article
 - a. Add flyer to the Elk Rapids News
- n. Trailer purchase has been made. Seeking additional info on getting a wrap.
- o. Emergency relief, forgotten eagles asked to assist veteran in bills
- p. Burn pits Possible presumptive in future.
- q. American Legion in Elk Rapids. "Operation reconnect" Open to financial assistance with less restrictions up to \$2000.00. Four-page application.
 - a. Possible
- r. Host committee meetings at remote locations
- s. Why do we have the local VA?
 - i. Jobs, resumes, donations, education, employment,
 - ii. Have people come in even if they themselves don't need services. Give the VA a better count of veterans in area for other services. Passing on various resources available such as Reining Liberty Ranch.
- t. Burial forms to be updated

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. Closing

- a. Prayer
- b. Adjourned: 3:00