Lansing Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
24 January, 2020

I. Call to order

11:03 a.m. on 24 January, 2020 at American Legion, 212 Verlinden, Lansing, MI.

II. Roll call

The Following Commission Members were present:

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Guests: The following guests were present for at least a portion of the meeting

Ryan Engler, MVAA

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

   a) M. Alley Moved to accept
   b) Second – A. Schmidt
   c) Carried

IV. Additions to Agenda: WINC – N. Blackstock
V. New Business

a) Treasurer’s Report – M. Sutton
   (a) No Changes
   (b) Current Balance: $26,928.23
   (c) M. Lawrence will follow up on donation of $200 to Glen Erin Pipe Band
   (d) T. Salisbury requested clarification of fundraising cycle / period
      (i) M. Sutton suggested standardization of cycles / periods

VI. Deliverables

a) Update on Deliverables for Report – M. McDaniel
b) Categories to Cover:
   (a) Overall Services
   (b) Homelessness
      (i) No shelter for female Veterans
   (c) Employment / Programs
   (d) Women Veterans Demographic
   (e) LGTBQ
   (f) Veteran Treatment Courts
c) M. McDaniel Requested Volunteers to Cover Categories
d) M. Stone
   (a) List 1-800- MICH-VET
   (b) National Guard / VA
   (c) Route Traffic to existing resources
e) M. Sutton
   (a) Sent list to M. McDaniel regarding providers and also provided update on status
f) A. Schmidt
   (a) Read statement regarding her vision for commission
   (b) Suggested Alfreda Schmidt Community Center for localized services, possible rent of space
   (c) Ch. Anderson suggested space in community center for women Veterans housing
      (i) Conversion issues?
      (ii) Zoning issues?
g) N. Blackstock
   (a) Family Life Suggested Coordination with A. Schmidt to Create Center / “Veterans’ Lounge”
h) M. Sutton
   (a) Inquired if Ingham County has applied for MVAA grant, possibly to apply to rent @community center.
i) M. Stone
   (a) Suggested idea of reaching out to local urban farming initiatives
      (i) 4H
      (ii) Veteran groups
      (iii) Community block groups
VII. Veterans Day Event Feedback

a) Events – C. Taylor
   (a) Start Coordination w/ A. Schmidt for Memorial Day Event
   (b) C. Taylor Moved to coordinate w/ Lansing Area Veterans Coalition (LAVC) – Regional VCAT – which is under new leadership – for possible future event planning.
      (i) Sutton Seconded
      (ii) Carried

VIII. WINC

a) Women Injured In Combat – N. Blackstock
   (a) MSU Women’s Basketball Event
      (i) Effort to identify and reach out to women Veterans in area for FEB 23 event
   (b) Mission to Identify and involve women Veterans for fellowship from other areas
   (c) Asked for LVC to Assist w. food portion of event tailgate
      (i) $500 deposit
      (ii) $15 per plate for 25 people (estimated, possibly more)
      (iii) M. Sutton moved to support of up to $1,000
         1. K. Singh second
         2. Carried
         3. Discussion:
            a. M. Lawrence will need invoice
            b. A. Casey inquired about transportation
            c. C. Taylor will assist with tickets if necessary

IX. Open Discussion

a) M. Sutton – welcome to American Legion site, provided brief history
b) Ch. Anderson requested to meet w/ C. Taylor and N. Blackstock regarding mid-year event between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
c) K. Singh – Two of Lansing’s firemen are currently deployed in harm’s way, requested prayers.

X. Next Meeting – Friday, February 28th, 11AM. – Alfreda Schmidt Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing

XI. Adjournment

a) Motion – M. Sutton
b) Second – D. Green
c) Carried – Meeting adjourned at 11:48 P.M.
Minutes Submitted by: Chris Taylor – Secretary

Minutes approved by: ______________________