

Veterans' Committee Minutes

October 6, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Hunter, Lucia, Wright and Yepsen; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Press.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hunter the minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Ciulla gave a brief update on the attendance at the Army Field Band Concert that was held on September 25th at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center as follows:

- Attendance was approximately 3,500 – 4,000
- There has been a reduction in attendance of approximately 5,000 each year for the last three years
- Time Warner will provide a video of the event – date and time to be announced.

Ms. Ciulla outlined some details of the upcoming WWII Veterans Night to take place on October 26th at the City Center in Saratoga Springs as follows:

- RSVP's thus far total 422
- Reservations are restricted to Veteran and one guest only
- City Center capacity is 1,200

After review of the Catering bids the committee decided to accept the lowest bid from Panza's Restaurant and Catering for a per person charge of \$19.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a catering bid from Panza's Restaurant and Catering at a cost of \$19/per person for dinner served at the WWII Veterans Night on October 25, 2009. Unanimous.

Ms. Ciulla distributed a copy of the WWII Veterans Night program to all committee members for their review. The committee approved the program and Ms. Ciulla said she would place the order for 1,000 programs to be printed. She suggested that if the committee would like, a black and white insert could be added with the names of all Veterans attending, Supervisors, Volunteers, and Guest Speakers.

Ms. Ciulla said the City Center has provided a quote for audiovisual screens to be used to display the names of all WWII Veterans and Speakers. The cost for one screen was \$1,270 and two screens \$1,655. **The committee agreed on two screens at a cost of \$1,655.**

Ms. Ciulla suggested keeping the reading of the names to the Veterans Committee and the Chairman of the Board. It is estimated that there will be approximately 75 names to be read by each person.

Supervisors, guest speakers and volunteer help will distribute medals.

Ms. Ciulla said the Ballston Spa Community Band would not be available due to the time of the event. It was suggested that the Army Field Band CD could be played as people arrive through the Audio/Visual system. **The committee agreed.**

Mr. Mitchell said there would be approximately five booths setup for the Health Fair which would include the following programs Office for the Aging, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, County Nurses, Social Services, Medicaid.

Ms. Ciulla said a press release will be sent out on October 9th, and a Media Advisory will be sent out by October 21st.

Mr. Barrett thanked everyone who volunteered to help out at the Veterans Concert on September 25th. It was a well-attended event and something the County can be proud of.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hunter the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom