

Veterans Committee Minutes
November 7, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mo Wright; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Dick Lucia, Tara Gaston, Dan Pemrick, Michael Smith and Kevin Tollisen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement distributed a copy of his report and gave an overview. Walk in client numbers are still strong. In October, the NYS Division of Veterans Affairs training was held in Saratoga Springs. The Washington County Veterans Service Agency has a new director and new service officer. They recently visited the Saratoga County VSA. They were shown how the Saratoga County VSA operated and got an overview of programs run. Mr. McClement spoke at the recent Malta Veterans Brunch. Representatives from the Dwyer Program from around the state recently came together for their annual conference which was held in Albany.

172 van rides were provided in October and the van remains in high demand.

The balance on hand in the Trust Fund is \$55,762.84 and does not include the proceeds from the 5K event.

The Tuesday night veteran meet up at Coffee Traders continues to be a popular event. October saw a new De-cruit program. Mr. Stephan Wolfert ran the program at no cost to the County, funding was provided through grants and go fund me program. The 6-week program culminates with a performance which occurred on October 24. Each veteran that completed the program was also presented with a \$200 check from Mr. Wolfert.

Mr. Wright said that the Honor the Deceased Veteran Ceremony for November is scheduled for two weeks from today. The veteran nominated for November was already honored approximately 18 years ago and this was just discovered recently. Due to the close time frame, it is too late to change to another veteran. Mr. Tollisen suggested that a general program be held for Veterans for November.

Mr. Wright said that the Town of Providence is scheduled for December and they do not have a name at this point. Mr. Lucia said that he will check with his post for December as he believes they have a name ready.

Mr. McClement distributed a list of Towns scheduled to be honored for 2019. Mr. McClement said that he will send an email out to the Supervisors of those towns.

Mr. Wright distributed some letters and thank you cards that were sent to the Veterans Service Agency, also, the 5-K run made the front page of Sunday's Saratogian.

Mr. McClement gave a brief overview of the 5-K run preliminary numbers. Sponsorship commitments came in at \$13,516. Total expenses are estimated at \$8,700. There was \$726 in

online donations, run sign ups total approximately \$6,200. At this point they are projecting a net profit of approximately \$11K. There were over 300 registered runners and despite the terrible weather, over 240 runners participated. Mr. McClement said that this year they formed a partnership with Fleet Feet. Mr. McClement said that they may be nominated to be included in the USA Track and Field Association Grand Prix circuit. Mr. Wright thanked Mr. Wood and all that participated in the event.

Mr. Hayner said that Veterans Day is a good time to remind people about the Favor Program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board