



Voting Board Members

<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Baker , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Baker , AmVets, VFW 992
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Best , VRW 992, DAV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Cunnington , AmVets 1111
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert “Joe” Dixson , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Simler , Vet At-Large
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Ensor , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trina Parrish , VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Preston , Amer.Leg. Post #32, AmVets 1111
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Schack , VFW/AmVet, American Legion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Silver , AmVets 1111,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Waiblinger , Combat Vet. International
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Weber , VFW 992, DAV

Non-Voting Standing Invitees

- Meghan DeBolt - DCH, Director
- Wendy Cheng– Helpline, Client Services/Veterans Program
- Justin Jording-Helpline Bookkeeper/Veterans Program
- Liz McDevitt – Helpline, Director

Guests: None

Welcome: Trina Parrish called the meeting to order at approximately 0930.

Approval of Minutes: Larry Cunnington moved to accept minutes as written. Joe Waiblinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Report – Helpline – Review of Veterans’ Relief Services and Financial Report, Wendy Cheng Presented on behalf of Helpline

See Helpline “Veteran’s Assistance Monthly Report” distributed for details.

- Helpline shared details of the report for April 2019 service dollars provided to veterans
- Details on telephone support:
 - Paid \$104.62 to prevent shut-off of his cell phone. It was a waiver to meet family needs. He has three children including one with special needs.
 - Paid \$45 plus tax for unlimited minutes. It was waiver to meet healthcare needs. (Minutes must be used within a 30-day period.)
 - We helped a veteran with 90 minutes for \$24.99 plus tax. He is looking for work. (Minutes must be used within a 30-day period.)
 - We helped another veteran who is looking for work with unlimited minutes for \$45 plus tax. (Minutes must be used within a 30-day period.)

See ‘Finance Report’ distributed for details.

- Meghan DeBolt shared that revenue and expenditures are on target for first quarter. Year to date expenditures are more than revenue because we generally see two large revenue months – April and October – when property taxes are due.

Old Business:

- Budget and Bylaw Review Committee

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- Will get approved by the BOCC on May 20th. We are working on dental language.
- Dental: have had no requests, all dental concerns are referred to SonBridge
 - Advisory Board wants us to do a 6-month trial – with review in 3, and 6 months.
 - Not for cosmetic, indicated for health concern and/or referral by dentist, or barrier to employment.
 - Will review in September and December 2019

New Business:

- Council on Housing Veterans Sub-Committee
 - Debbie/Meghan reviewed the newly formed Council on Housing, with a reminder that the Council on Housing was created as an outcome of the community meeting on housing that was held in April 2018 at the Airport (several Advisory Board members attended).
 - The Council on Housing is a cross-sector Council with a required Veterans sector. Jon Adams from the VA holds this seat and will co-chair the required Veterans sub-committee with Debbie Baker.
 - Debbie expressed to the Advisory Board that she would like to connect this sub-committee not the VRAB, as a link to the Council on Housing. There is much overlap in the purpose of each body.
 - Debbie Baker motioned to create a establish a Homeless/Housing standing committee. Robert Baker seconded.
 - Discussion: The Advisory Board would like to know what the responsibilities of the Council on Housing are for this committee and what the Advisory Board would then be responsible for. Debbie will report back at the June meeting. Meghan will invite Sierra Knutson, Homeless/Housing Program Coordinator to attend the June meeting as well.
 - Debbie withdrew her motion
 - Larry Cunnington motioned to table the creation of the committee until June when Debbie will report out on what the role and responsibility of the committee will be, how many members will be needed, and what, if any, responsibility will come to the VRAB. Bob Baker seconded.
 - Discussion: Debbie will refer to the minutes to note what exactly is needed to be report upon.
 - Motion carried unanimously.
- VA Summit to be held May 23
 - Debbie Baker announced there will be a summit on May 23 (times are getting worked out, but likely Yakima will be up at 9:00 am and then Walla Walla at 10:00 am) at a yet to be identified location at the VA.
 - Debbie moved to give herself permission to represent VRAB at said meeting and asked for 3 additional members to join her. Bob Baker seconded.
 - Discussion: Debbie will send out more information via email. (see below)
 - Motion carried unanimously.
 - From Debbie Baker via email: "The purpose is to discuss how to best use the available HUD-VASH housing vouchers in our areas. This has been an ongoing discussion, and at this point the

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VA leadership will be in attendance and are requesting community partner input. The Board voted this morning for us to send a group of 3 or 4 members. I will be wearing my usual two hats representing SSVF and VRAB. I would like for 2 or 3 other Board members to join me. If you are interested, please contact me. I would like to have people who are currently working with the homeless in some capacity such as housing or employment programs, or have been homeless, or have specific ideas as to how to get VASH Vouchers in use.”

Program Updates:

- Veterans Advisory Volunteer Services meeting next Monday – Trina Parrish will mention the Summit
- Council on Housing Community Meeting on June 14th – Meghan will share details as they are released.
- Flag Day – June 14th, 2019 – Am Vets is working with the Downtown Foundation to host an event at noon at Land Title Plaza. There will be a band.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

NEXT MEETING:

June 13th, 2019 | Vet's Center, Walla Walla | 9:30-10:30 A.M.