

Keweenaw County Veterans Committee

Meeting Agenda

January 14th, 2022

Location: VAO Office Allouez 10AM – **Call to order at 1000 by Chairman Koljonen**

Roll Call: Koljonen-X Rajala -Absent Huwatschek-X
Aho-X Hannon-X Halley (alt) -Absent
Rheault-X

Call to Order – Motion to accept by Mr. Hannon, Second by Mr. Rheault

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes from November 12th 2021 -Motion by Mr. Huwatschek, Second by Mr. Aho.

Guests - None

Public Comment - None

Communications- None

Old Business:

1. Grant Close Out (VSO) – **VSO Informed board that closeout for Q1 was completed and accepted.**
2. FY2022 Grant Status (VSO) – **Initiatives and upcoming plans reviewed to include social function and Honor Role rededication in the spring.**
3. Advertising (VSO) – **VSO updated board on positive reception of advertising initiatives around the holidays and increased contact from the community.**
4. Promotional Materials (VSO) – **VSO discussed carabiners and hunting hats.**

New Business:

1. DAV Van (Chairman) – **Chairman Koljonen updated the board on a new DAV SUV purchased for transporting local veterans to appointments.**

2. Building Sale (Chairman) – Discussed and determined to be rumor only at this point.
3. Forum for donations to vets (Chairman) – Discussed plan for how to handle donations to the office of valuable items. Board discussed possibility of facilitating donations between veterans, while not actively participating in the allocation of said items to avoid conflict with the community.
4. Veterans Park Sign and Grant (Chairman) – Chairman informed the board that the county will be able to provide signs for the park. VSO and chairman investigating potential DNR grant to expand and improve the Veterans Park located off US41 and Cliff Drive. Possible location for the Veteran Banners seen in other areas.
5. Death Benefits – payable to business vs families. Form. – The board confirmed its policy of matching the Counties death benefit to veterans and their family.
6. Female Veterans Groups – Discussion on availability of female veterans groups in the area.

Next Meeting: 3/11/22 @ 10AM

Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made at 1110 by Mr. Aho, seconded by Mr. Rheault.