

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the October 12, 2022, Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P - Doug Rasmussen - Chairman
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary
P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets
P – Bruce Haffner
P - Jim Hudik
A - John Maher (Assoc.)
P - Norm Pestlin
A - Karen Tobola
P - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

P - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
E - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander
P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.
P - Jimmy Hunter
P - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion
P - Georges Sanon
P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes were distributed for the September 2022 meeting. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to approve the September 2022 minutes, Bob Bullard seconded.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

Trustee Sullivan made the following announcements:

- The All-Service Breakfast appeared to be a success.
- Comments from the last meeting regarding the Manteno Veterans Home were updated. The VFW and Legion already coordinate snack donations for the Home. Colleen will reach out to Manteno and look at consolidating the collection drive efforts.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- No news from TACOM.
- Bill McNellis updated the Commission on what was found out about some of the military statues in the City of Chicago that have been removed from public places. Nothing will be discussed until after the upcoming mid-term elections.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing to report.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Chris Hansley is still working on it.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- Nothing to report on the bricks. Chris Hansley will reach out to Lisa Valley and get the list for Veteran's Day.
- The banners will be available to be picked up from Village Hall after Veteran's Day.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence has been received.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast Recap:
 - We need to publicize the event earlier.
 - The By Gone Gals were very well received.
 - There were around 83 Veterans, 123 guests total (spouses, children, etc.).
 - The catering by D'Masti received positive comments.
 - The Commissioners collected around \$1,100 in certificates/donations.
 - For some of the organizations that are corporate run, we need to request donations earlier (Cracker Barrel, Lou Malnoti's, Texas Roadhouse, Ace Hardware, etc.).
 - Suggestions for next year's event were reviewed.
- The plaque was delivered to John Banzer's son; he will present it to his dad in a couple of weeks when he sees him.
- Veterans Day:
 - Color guard is good to go.
 - The Central Middle School band has committed to play.
 - Having a WWII veteran was discussed to have as a speaker; Memorial Day may be a better option due to nicer weather.
 - Alan Lynch is a possible speaker for next Memorial Day or Veteran's Day in 2023.
 - Additional guest speaker possibilities was to have a writer who covers WWII and Korean War veteran articles and have him read some of his published works.
 - Chairman Rasmussen may also have a previous speech on chaplain's that can be recited.
 - A singer for the anthem has been secured.
 - Additional particulars (time, line up ...) were reviewed.

New Business:

- The December meeting will be canceled.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW
 - The Color Guard will kick off Andrew High School's opening football game.
 - Veteran's Week is November 9 – 15, 2022.
 - The Auxiliary will have the craft fair on Sunday, November 20, 2022, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - On November 19th the VFW will be having a blood drive at the Post.
- Report from the American Legion
 - The Legion will be selling slices of pizza at the Holiday Market.
 - Currently the Legion has a raffle for ½ of a butchered hog; tickets are \$10/each and winners will be drawn on December 8th and 15th during the Queen of Hearts raffles.
 - November 19th the Sons of the Legion will have its next Shrimp Boil, tickets are \$12 before November 5th, \$15 after that and at the door.

Announcements:

- The art therapy program for veteran's that Rush Hospital coordinates will be coming to the south suburban area through Prairie State College.

Comments from the public:

- Nothing to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Rasmussen, Jimmy Hunter moved, seconded by Bob Bullard. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

*The military Banner Program can be found here: https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php