

Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes Nov 9th 2018

Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM

Meeting was called to order by chairman Huwatschek at 10AM. Members present were Huwatschek, Finch, Aho, and Koljonen. Absent:Rajala.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda for this meeting was presented and accepted on a motion by Finch, 2nd by Aho all in favor-passed.

Minutes of the August 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Finch, 2nd by Aho, all in favor-passed.

Guest Speakers present: None

Public Comment: None

Communications: A letter acknowledging receipt of our grant application was received form the State of Michigan. Much follow up to be done. A letter of thanks was received from veteran Pat Takacs for our assistance to her for home repairs.

New business: After discussion it was decided that the board would provide \$300.00 to the family/estate upon the death of a Keweenaw County Veteran. This will be over and above what the county now provides from the general budget upon the death of a veteran. This was on a motion by Finch, 2nd by Aho with all members in favor-passed.

A copy of a proposed SOP – Standard Operating Procedure, was given to each member by Joe Finch for review. Members are encouraged to review and bring any suggestions or proposed changes to the next meeting. An SOP will be adopted in the future to provide guidance and streamline the operations of this committee.

After discussion it was decided that a part time VSO position is not needed in Keweenaw County. Present system set up with the Houghton County VSO is working well and adequately meets the needs of Keweenaw County Veterans.

The old DAV van from Houghton County was offered to our committee. After discussion it was decided not to accept this offer. Of concern was a place to house the van and other costs that would be involved. The present system is adequate at this time. Houghton County has a pickup point for Keweenaw Veterans should they need transportation.

Old Business: Two payments were made per prior committee approval. \$500.00 was given to the Calumet ROTC to attend the Marshall Kipina burial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. \$1000.00 was given to Keweenaw Veteran Pat Takacs for immediately needed roof repair.

Final Public Comment: None

CommitteeFinal Comments: None

Future meeting Dates: Next meeting set for Jan 11, 2019. Other dates set for 2019 are March 8, May10, July12, Sept 13, Nov 8.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Aho, 2nd by Finch. All in favor. Adjourned at 10:58AM.