

KEWEENAW COUNTY VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Keweenaw County Veteran's Committee commenced at 2:15 PM on Friday October 14, 2011 in the Courthouse.

Present: Chairman Joe Finch and member Jim Huovinen. Absent: County Commissioner Del Rajala.

The September 8, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion: Chairman Finch/Huovinen. Motion carried.

Veteran's Affairs fund balance: \$17,202.56

The final version of the Keweenaw County web site page for veterans is expected to be complete in the near future. Prior to submission to the county commissioners it will be reviewed by the committee and counselor Klutts. The 2012 budget will be discussed in November. Our share (6.5%) of operational expenses for the Veteran's Office at the airport came to \$1605.62 in 2011 (last year it was \$1634.29). Salary and operational expenses this year total \$6753.62.

Emergency relief action procedures for veterans were briefly discussed- it was reaffirmed to process ALL requests through counselor Jim Klutts.

A motion was made by Chairman Finch to support burial expenses (a cremation urn) for a Keweenaw County veteran in the Veteran's section of the Lakeview cemetery in the amount of \$400.00. Motion: Finch/Huovinen -motion carried.

Chairman Finch discussed preparations for the Veteran's Day Dinner which will be held on Friday- November 11, 2011 at the Michigan National Guard Readiness Center. The social hour commences at 1700-dinner at 1800. Dr. Mike Luoma- a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$12.00 per person.

A motion was made by Chairman Finch to move the Veteran's Committee meeting to Wednesday- November 9, 2011 at 2 PM as he is heavily involved in preparations for the Veteran's Day dinner. Motion Finch/Huovinen-motion carried. Commissioner Rajala and the County Clerk will be so informed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

R/S

Jim Huovinen