

Veteran Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, Jan 10, 2018

1. Roll Call:

Board Members in attendance: Ken Slininger, Gary Bracht, Fil Rivera, Eileen Bornheimer, David Ristrom, Rex Davis, Mark Owens, Carrie McCormick, and Eileen Boylston

VSO: Jerry Gingrich

Guests: Tom Taylor
Keith Connelly

2. Reading and approval of the old minutes.

Old Business:

- Reviewed Grant County Veteran Assistance Fund 4th Quarter Report. Jerry briefly discussed budget for 2018.
- Welcomed our newest board member, Carrie McCormick, to the Veterans Advisory Board.
- Due to David Ristrom physically living outside the county, David will no longer serve on the board; the board members all expressed much thanks for all his service while serving on the board, and invited him to stay actively involved.
- Stand Down. All members will be emailed regarding scheduling the next event on September 29th, if members all agree, Jerry will book the space for the 28th & 29th of September. Once the date is locked in, the board will be able to start working on the next event.
- Tom Taylor noted that Jerry's position is now a full time county position, with the additional 8 hours per week being used for county business, not veteran business.
- Veterans Assistance Fund (VAF) Policy update. The Policy and By Laws are now separated as required. Jerry provided the board members each with a copy of the By Laws. The county writes the policy with input from the board. Most of this quarterly meeting involved discussion on this subject. Jerry will re-work the policy per the board's recommendations.
- October minutes incorrectly noted the Burial Fund at \$800, the actual amount is \$750.

3. New Business:

- No new business was conducted.

4. Next meeting:

- Quarterly Meeting. Wednesday, April 11th, 4pm, Grant County Courthouse, Ephrata.