

**NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES, INC.**

**ONLINE MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 25, 2018**

The January 25, 2018 meeting of the National Foundation for Veterans & Families, Inc. was called to order by Chair, Linda Yates, at 8:20 pm (E). The online conference call was held through Go-To-Meeting.

A quorum was present.

**Roll Call**

Chair Yates: Present  
Secretary Allen: Excused  
Treasurer Price: Present

**Directors**

Susan Henthorn: Excused  
Greg Thibodaux: Absent  
Don Jones: Present

**Advisors**

Sharon Hobbs: Present  
Jeff White: Absent

**Motion #1:** Agenda was approved by a motion from Susan Price and seconded by Don Jones.  
**Adopted.**

**Minutes** of October 23, 2017 were not available for review.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Price reported the balances of our accounts: General Fund \$2,231.48; In Memory Fund, \$4,137; AVVA Projects \$100, with a total bank balance of \$6,468.48. Report will be filed for financial review.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Follow-up on donations:** No report.

**Grant to VVA Chapter 203:** The project was completed and the grant funds were distributed. As requested, a letter was sent on January 2, 2018 along with photographs to the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga and a copy to VVA Chapter 203 Treasurer.

**New Business:**

**Update on the In Memory Plaque:** Sharon Hobbs reported that the design had been accepted. All material specifications have to be submitted and process is proceeding as expected. There is no date for finalization. Soliciting bids on plaques. AVVA is not having the expense of the project at this time.

### **New Business (continued):**

Our website has been updated to include a link to VVMF and the application for inclusion in the In Memory ceremony for this year, with pictures of the previous year's ceremony.

**AVVA Grant Request:** A request for \$15,000 has been received from AVVA for the printing of *The Paper Safe*. The request will be held until there are sufficient funds. It was suggested that this be set-up as a perpetual grant (open-ended) rather than having to make a request each time, and further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

**Motion #2:** A motion to apply for a grant from VSF to fund the reprinting of *The Paper Safe* was made by Don Jones and seconded by Susan Price. **Adopted.**

The Board had approved a request to be placed in *The VVA Veteran* magazine for donations to *The Paper Safe*. Individuals could also request a copy of publication.

**Future of the Foundation:** This item was put on the agenda for discussion since the board of AVVA is planning to apply for charitable status (IRC 501(c)(3)), and then the Foundation would no longer be necessary. The plans are currently "in limbo" and making any decisions about the foundation's future is premature. AVVA cannot solicit funds, but can accept them. However, donors cannot get a deduction for their donation.

It was not expected that a decision would not be made tonight, but we should give it some thought about its future, especially with the annual meeting and elections coming up in April.

**Annual Meeting/Elections:** A Nominations Chair will be appointed to receive candidates for officer positions, and information should be submitted to the chair 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws need to be submitted to the Secretary 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Election will take place for the officers. Directors will be contacted to determine their interest to continue for another term.

Members were asked to suggest individuals to serve on the board. Chair Yates will prepare a notice to be sent by Sharon Hobbs to AVVA members to seek candidates for the Board of Directors for NFVF.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm (E).

Linda Yates

Linda Yates, Chair