

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

ONLINE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

The meeting of the National Foundation for Veterans & Families, Inc. was called to order by Chair, Linda Yates, on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 8:15pm (E). The online conference call was held through Go-To-Meeting.

Roll Call

Chair Yates: present	<u>Directors</u>
Secretary Allen: present	Susan Henthorn: present
Treasurer Price: present	Greg Thibadoux: absent
	<u>Advisors</u>
	Sharon Hobbs: present
	Jeffrey White: present

A quorum was present.

Motion #1: Approval of the agenda Adopted(*Price/Allen*).

Motion #2: Minutes of May 3, 2016 were approved via email, with one change to correct spelling of Chattanooga on page two—will reissue a final version.

Susan Price gave the Treasurer’s report. Balance of \$6,758.00: \$1,755.00 General Fund; \$4,082.00 In Memory fund.

Should the fees for the PayPal charge come out of the general fund, so the full amount of the donation is shown in the fund?

- It is the cost of doing business and should come out of the general fund. The numbers are reflective of the actual donations that were made and we acknowledged.

Need to renew our website due September 14, 2016. Linda Yates will pay with debit card in the amount of \$359.76.

Unfinished Business

Welcome to Susan Henthorn, member of Georgia Chapter 772, AVVA Deputy Director for Region 4, and Georgia State Representative.

Welcome to Greg Thibadoux, member of Chattanooga Chapter 203, and Professor at University of Tennessee, where he teaches accounting.

Grant for Veterans Support Foundation

NFVF received a grant for \$10,000, which is earmarked for AVVA Paper Safe reprinting. It was approved to receive the grant in October in one lump sum. AVVA will be submitting a grant application shortly to formally request the funds.

Foundation Grant Application

Linda Yates will review the grant application, make any changes, and send out for review and suggestions.

New Business

Fund Raising efforts: Susan Henthorn will be requesting donations.

Suggestions:

1. AVVA Scholarships Goal: Two \$2,000 scholarships per year
2. Educational Printing (brochures)
3. Secondary PTSD
4. In Memory Plaque

Susan Henthorn and Sharon Hobbs will prepare a letter and send to Linda Yates for review and approval.

Grant Requests

Linda Yates will speak to Greg Thibadoux about pursuing grant requests. She will be following up on his progress.

Linda Yates checked on the Maximus Foundation. We can't apply right now as deadline was August 31, 2016. She will pursue later.

Future Meeting Dates

A decision was made to have quarterly meetings. Chair Yates will schedule dates and let us know.

Update on In Memory Plaque

Sharon Hobbs gave an update: On August 1, she went to DC and met with the National Park Service, the Vietnam Memorial Fund, and the architect J.C. Cummings. Mr. Cummings brought three models to look at. Harry Robinson, on the board of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, informed Sharon Hobbs last year that the In Memory Plaque repair was not going to be what they had envisioned. Jim Knotts, CEO of VVMF is now overseeing the board. He was there to support the families. Harry Robinson is part of the VVMF and used to be on the Council of Fine Arts. Two drawings from J.C. Cummings were not previously accepted. Harry explained that they did not want to upstage the Wall.

Had to start over and knew they had to elevate the plaque and get it up off the ground. Three models were presented: 1 1/4 inch, 2 inch, and 4 inches off the ground. Decided to raise it up 1 3/4 inches off the ground of block stone and on top of that will be the raised bronzed plaque. Fine Arts Council must approve the design. If approved, we will move into the fundraising stage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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Sondra Allen, NFVF Secretary