

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES, INC.
ONLINE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2018

The April 26, 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Foundation for Veterans & Families, Inc. was called to order by Chairperson, Linda Yates, at 7 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 Greg Thibodaux and seconded by Don Jones.
Adopted.

Minutes of January 25, 2018 were approved by a motion Susan Henthorn and seconded by Greg Thibodaux.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report for the period ended March 31, 2018 from Susan Price was reviewed. General Fund \$2,205.45; In Memory Fund, \$4,162; AVVA Projects \$100; PaperSafe \$365, with a total bank balance of \$6,832.45. Report will be filed for financial review.

Unfinished Business:

Follow-up on donations: Susan Henthorn reported that there was no additional information about the request for donations. It is getting more cumbersome to request funds as donor's want financial statements and other information, and it can be "who you know."

AVVA Grant for PaperSafe Printing: Discussion was held about having the PaperSafe printing grant be a "perpetual" grant or some other language so that AVVA would not have to submit paperwork each time they had a request. When we approved the first grant, we wanted to ensure that all the paperwork was done properly. While there is not typically a perpetual grant, the board agreed to an understanding about approving future grant requests.

Unfinished Business (continued):

AVVA Grant for PaperSafe Printing (continued): Greg Thibodaux made a motion that *the foundation would honor the grant request of AVVA for the printing of The PaperSafe as funds are available.* Motion was seconded by Don Jones. **Adopted.**

Greg Thibodaux is working on grants for PaperSafe printing and will be provided letterhead by Susan Price, copies of The PaperSafe by Sharon Hobbs, and NFVF information from Linda Yates.

Greg asked if the VA gave out grants and Sharon said not to her knowledge since they are government. Greg will check into it further.

Identify Board Candidates: Our Bylaws requires a minimum of five board members and not more than nine. A document was prepared seeking board members and Sharon Hobbs circulated it to AVVA, but there has been no interest. It was also mentioned at the AVVA Board Meeting. Board Members were asked to encourage interest in chapter members or other contacts in serving on the board of the Foundation.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Sandy Allen had indicated that she would not be running for office. Don Jones reported that he had received one Letter of Intent from Linda Yates to serve as Chairperson.

Our bylaws do not include any contingencies if no one runs for office or the minimum number of officers. Sharon Hobbs suggested we check with Maryland law to determine minimum number of officers for a corporation.

Susan Price was asked if she would continue as Treasurer and she agreed, but indicated that we needed to recruit someone for the position. None of the current members wished to serve as Treasurer. Members congratulated Linda and Susan for their election to their respective offices.

Chairperson Yates asked if the current members wished to continue to serve on the Board and all agreed. Sharon Hobbs is currently serving as an ex-officio member to the Board. She was asked if she would serve as a Director and agreed. Linda will contact Jeffrey White to determine his interest in continuing as an Advisor.

Other: Susan Price reported that an additional donation for The PaperSafe had been received. Chairperson Yates is including our brochure with thank you letters. PayPal does have a space to designate a donation. A donor had mentioned difficulty locating it.

Our next meeting will be August 2, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm (E).

Linda Yates

Linda Yates, Chairperson

Subsequent to the Board Meeting, the following was reported:

- *Jeffrey White agreed to continue as an Advisor.*
- *On May 18, 2018, Susan Price submitted her Letter of Resignation as Treasurer effective June 1, 2018. She identified Teresa (Terri) Rangel, AVVA Region 7 Director, as a candidate. Terri submitted a Letter of Intent and was appointed Treasurer. (Information was communicated to the Board via email.)*