

AMVETS Department of Ohio
Finance Committee Meeting
Mid-Winter Conference, February 2017

02-09-17

Meeting called to order at 6:28pm – George Wenzel

Roll Call of Officers:

Department Commander Eric Scherer - Present

Executive Director Don McCauley - Present

Finance Officer George Wenzel - Present

Immediate Past Finance Officer Richard Zbiegien - Present

Department 1st Vice Clif Ketron - Present

Department 2nd Vice Don Lowers - Present

Department 3rd Vice Andy McElrath - Present

Department Judge Advocate Bob Driftmyer - Present

Trustee William Noltner – excused – replaced by Merle Pratt

Trustee Sandy Vorhies - Present

Immediate Past Commander Mike Pitman - Present

Note: George Wenzel mentioned a need for training on Quickbooks at the State convention from the membership.

Motion to adopt agenda by Sandy Vorhies

Second by Rich Zbiegien

Motion carried

Move to Correspondence from Don McCauley

Discussion: Don McCauley said the Cooling tower at Headquarters still needs replacing. Regis Grimm gathered many bids. The lowest bid is \$56,000 from Custom Air.

Motion to ask SEC to replace cooling tower by Sandy Vorhies

Second by Mike Pitman

Amend to cap Cooling Tower at \$60,000 by Sandy Vorhies & Mike Pitman

Motion passed

Don McCauley thought of a way to raise money for the cooling tower. He wants to raffle off a motorcycle to members and use the proceeds to the cooling tower.

Motion to start fundraising efforts by Rich Zbiegien

Second by Sandy Vorhies

Motion carries

Discussion: Don McCauley briefed the committee on Office Efficiency he worked on, including lowered phone bill, payroll changed to Paychecks, trash pickup changed to Rumpke, using Paypal now for credit card charges at a rate of 2%.

Discussion: Don McCauley brought up the State of Ohio budget allocation for AMVETS Department of Ohio & other veteran's Headquarters. Governor Kasich is proposing that each of the 13 Districts receive \$15,000 pay and then have write Grants for the rest. OH Department of Veterans Services will manage money. They want it to be open to all Veterans groups, and OH National Guard is trying to get in. Don McCauley & Merle Pratt will oppose it on Monday at a Legislative meeting.

Discussion: Don McCauley said the Commander Vehicle is up for re-leasing and is in the budget and will start shopping.

Discussion: Don McCauley said Regis is no longer staff, and salary has been saved and now is an hourly contract worker.

Executive Session Meeting – Onetime bonus approved for Kendra Clark.

Finance Officer George Wenzel went over AMVETS Department of OH Property and Department Budgets.

Discussion: Jim Graham suggested to look into Elevator Insurance. Don McCauley agreed and will look into the matter.

Discussion: Sandy Vorhies asked why Paving of Parking Lot is not listed under expense. George Wenzel will add for the next meeting.

Discussion: Bobby Swigart asked to speak from the audience. He asked George Wenzel for a time frame in getting Accounting System in order. George Wenzel promised to have the order by State Convention.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Rich Zbiegien

Motion seconded by Andy McElrath

Finance Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm