

VAVS/VHVS COMMITTEE

Subcommittee to VA&R

June 19, 2008

The meeting of the Department VAVS/VHVS committee was call to order by Chairman Ron Pearson at 1:15 p.m. June 19, 2008 at the Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids, Michigan The following member were present:

Ron Pearson, chairman -Jacobetti Home
Henry Altman - Saginaw
John Hyatt - Grand Rapids
Curtis Wynn - Detroit
Orv Stevens - Battle Creek

Absent:

Art Mitchell - Iron Mountain
Murl Eastman - Ann Arbor

Guest:

Beverly Leneski - Ann Arbor VA

It was moved by Wynn and supported by Altman that the minutes of the February 15,2008 meeting of the department VAVS/VHVA Committee be approved. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jacobetti Home - Pearson: Many events are being held such as Carnival, Bingo, County Fair and U.P. State Fair Veterans of the home continue getting into community by attending sporting events, and visiting many posts in the area.

Volunteering remains strong at Jacobetti as many of the volunteers are from the Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.

Support for the Home remains strong, in the last three months have received monies from Little Lake, Rock, Rapid River, Marquette, Manistique, Munsing, Newberry and Squadron 349.

Battle Creek - Orv Stevens: Many activities being held this time of year, Bingo, carnival, bowling and golf. Started "Tuesday in the Park" this where high school students meet Veterans and inter act.

Grand Rapids - Hyatt: The usual activities for the summer are starting, carnival, baseball trips and etc. Donations are always needed.

Detroit VA - Wynn: Some of the things happening at Detroit VA Started a Brunch for Veterans and their families, Cooking Class, and continue many parties for the residents. There is a new Director onboard and started a major cleanup and has started hiring more help.. Broke ground for 150 bed domicile unit.

Saginaw VA - Altman Two C-Blocks starting in Clair and Alpena. Received \$900.00 Dollars from the S.A.L. Started a money tracking program to make sure money donations go to the requested. Areas. Saginaw facility has a want list.

No reports from Iron Mountain or Ann Arbor.

Beverly Lenesk - Ann Arbor VA Gave a talk on that is happening at the VA in Ann Arbor. They have had a good budget and the has help the mental health field. Concerns about Veterans not keeping appointment because of high gas prices. Ask us how the VA can change to better help the Veteran. Thanked the American Legion on the help to the Veteran and all its volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

Talked about funding from S.A.L. and making sure it is recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Wynn and supported by Hyatt the meeting be adjourned at 2:20P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Pearson

Chairman

Henry Altman

Secretary