

Village of Romeoville Veteran's Commission

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Romeoville Recreation Department

4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Tom Wilczak, Member/Veteran

Christopher Benigno, Member/Veteran

Ken Griffin, Trustee/Commission Liaison

George Rudnicki, Member/Veteran

Colleen Palmer, Superintendent of Recreation, Staff Liaison

Marissa Cardoni, Special Events Coordinator, Staff Liaison

Summary:

- Meeting started at 4:00 p.m.

- Upcoming events
 - Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28th at 10:00am at the Doc McCartan Memorial Plaza
 - The commission discussed potential speakers; Chris Benigno and Tom Wilczak are looking into speakers from the Legion, Senior Star, and other veteran areas

- Chamber Partnership
 - Due to the low response to the business survey, Colleen will ask the Chamber to send out the link again in their upcoming newsletters.
 - George has put together a database - will set a date with Colleen to go over Access and how to maintain the list
 - Looking to get veteran information from voter registration lists – George can get republican info since Gail Rausche will only have access to democrat info
 - Colleen looked into getting veteran information from the 2010 Census, but found out we wouldn't be able to get that from the short form that most people completed
 - Discussion held on alternate ways to let people know we want veteran info – message in water bills, small flyer in water bills, marquees, REACH Screen, flyers at ceremonies, ebalsts, Senior Star, etc.

- Veterans Commission Scholarship
 - Reviewed updated timeline:
 - January – finalize application; start fundraising efforts; advertise scholarship to RHS students
 - February – board presentation
 - March (mid-March) – application deadline
 - May – RHS awards banquet/presentation of scholarships
 - Application was reviewed and finalized
 - First fundraiser is Sunday, Jan 29th @ Culver's
 - Discussion held other fundraisers – March 24th pancake breakfast, possibly other area restaurants or Culver's again, standing in front of restaurants to collect money (possibly in March)
 - Discussed how to advertise fundraisers: eblasts, flyers, tabletoppers, website, donation jar on counter at events, marquee, RPTV, REACH screen, board reports, classes, etc.
 - Commission will present scholarship info at February 1st board meeting

- Adjourned at 5:23pm
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 17th @ 4:00pm – Recreation Center