

Village of Romeoville Veteran's Commission

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 4:00pm

Romeoville Recreation Center

Attendees:

Steve Daley, Member

Dan Drdak, Member

Tiffany Jackson, Member

Raymond Vasquez, Member

Jacob Reed, Member

Bob Miller, Member

Ken Griffin, Trustee

Marissa Cardoni, Superintendent of Recreation, Staff Liaison

Summary:

- Meeting called to order at 4:04pm
- Veterans Day Ceremony Recap: good event; bad weather; event moved inside the fire station
- Memorial Day Speaker: commission was asked if there were any suggestions for a speaker; no ideas were given at meeting; members will e-mail Marissa with any suggestions for a speaker
- Website/Resources: commission briefly discussed the website; no changes are needed at this time; Steve will send Marissa and additional link to add; Marissa will inquire about how much traffic there is on the Veterans Resource page
- Scholarship Application & Timeline: drafts of the scholarship applications were passed around at the meeting to review; changes to questions were discussed and all agreed that the application was ready to distribute; Marissa will make final changes and send out the final application to all members; applications will be due April 10th and will be judged at the April 21st meeting; RHS Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00am; Marissa is inquiring about the date for Plainfield East High School ceremony; commission plans to award two \$500 scholarships if there are enough qualified applications submitted
- Fundraising: the commission agreed to continue with 50/50 raffles with the American Legion with three upcoming dates – February 12th, March 11th, and April 8th; members discussed doing Tasty Waffle in April or May; tentative dates for this fundraiser are April 25th and 26th; Marissa will discuss with Tom to coordinate these dates; Culver's will be scheduled sometime in the fall; no other fundraisers are planned at this time
- Banner Program: registration for the 2020 banner program has been extended until January 31st; spaces are still available; commission discussed keeping the banner program as is and not changing the format (Memorial Day vs. Veterans Day)
- Member Reports
 - Steve reported that the Legion held its annual Veterans luncheon on November 16th from 12:00-3:00pm at Highpoint (new location); the Legion liked the new location and plans to do it there again in 2020
 - Bob Miller inquired about participating in Ribfest; the Legion will contact the Exchange Club for additional information
- Miscellaneous
 - The Veterans Commission and Legion will present the colors on stage at RomeoFest on Sunday, August 9th
 - Commission members inquired about offering a Veterans discount on programs and events at the Recreation Center; Marissa will discuss this internally with Recreation Staff
- Adjournment at 4:34pm
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 @ 4:00pm