



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Women Veterans Committee Minutes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 09, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 1430

ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 2008, COMMITTEE MINUTES: MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED BY TOM BERGER; SECOND BY CONNIE CHRISTENSEN. MINUTES APPROVED.

INTRODUCTION OF MEETING ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

MARSHA FOUR, CHAIR	SANDY MILLER, VICE CHAIR
CAROL SCHETROMPF	CONNIE CHRISTENSEN
DR. TOM BERGER	SARA MCVICKER
TERRY HUBERT, GUEST	DR. TOM HALL, GUEST
KATHLEEN AYLWARD-BARNES, GUEST	SHARON HODGE, VVA STAFF
DR. ED RYAN, GUEST	MARGO WILLIAMS, GUEST

REVIEW CONTACT LISTS OF MEMBERS

REVIEWED CONTENTS OF PACKETS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE BUDGET REVIEW

- **CURRENT STATUS**
 - APPROXIMATELY 20% OF 2009 BUDGET REMAINS
 - PREPARING NEW BUDGET FOR 2010

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

- GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
- VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES IN DC
- VA NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS MEETING, WILMINGTON, DE
- SEXUAL TRAUMA RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS
- COMMUNICATION WITH DIRECTOR OF *LIONESS* DOCUMENTARY

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- **CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS**
 - WV-2-05 MEDICAL TREATMENT OF WOMEN VETERANS BY DVA
 - SOME VERBIAGE CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED IN THE "ISSUE AND RESOLVE" SECTIONS
 - INCORPORATED SECTIONS OF WV-4-03
 - WV-3-05 SUPPORT FOR WOMEN VETERANS
 - NO CHANGES
 - WV-4-03 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM MANAGERS
 - **RECOMMEND RETIREMENT**
 - SOME SECTIONS INCORPORATED INTO WV-2-05

- *NEW RESOLUTION* – WOMEN VETERANS AND VETERANS BENEFITS
- *NEW RESOLUTION* – WOMEN VETERANS RESEARCH

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NEW 2010 BUDGET REVIEW**
- *LIONESSE* SHOWING AT CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE DISCUSSED WITH CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

COMMENTS/REMARKS:

- CONSIDER AND DETERMINED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD SEND A SURVEY MAILING TO ALL VVA WOMEN VETERANS MEMBERS
- COMMITTEE INPUT FOR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO MARSHA FOR CONSIDERATION
 - DO YOU VA HEALTH CARE? IF SO, WHAT TYPE OF FACILITY?
 - VA MEDICAL CENTER
 - COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC)
 - WHAT TYPE OF CARE OR SERVICES?
 - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
 - GENERAL MEDICAL
 - MENTAL HEALTH
 - OB GYN
 - IF YOU DO NOT USE VA HEALTH CARE, WHY NOT?
 - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
 - NOT ELIGIBLE
 - DISTANCE
 - QUALITY OF CARE
 - PRIVATE INSURANCE
 - UNSURE OF ELIGIBILITY
 - HAVE YOU FILED A VA CLAIM?
- MAILING INCLUDES LETTER WITH THE SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE AND A POSTAGE PAID RETURN ENVELOP
- ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE \$1,000
- IF COMPLETED BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY, THE COST COULD COME OUT OF CURRENT BUDGET

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1615