



**“A NEW BATTLE
BEGINS AT HOME,
TOGETHER WE WILL
FIGHT”**

PROJECT BROTHERHOOD RESOLVE

MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2017

Call to order/Roll Call:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
Officers/Board Members present:
Joseph Gemayel, Lynn Perkins, Pam Thurston
Excused: Amy Neibert (family emergency)
Attendees: None

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was approved. Our current balance is \$5,404.66

Old Business:

- **RECAP - 2nd Annual Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner - 55 served.**
We will be sending out a thank you letter to the VFW thanking them for use of their post for the dinner and also for the Ruck. Leftover food was donated to LACADA. Suggestions for next year:
 - Have Sea Cadets stationed at entry door to greet guests
 - Guests will be given a numbered ticket to use for the candy jar guessing game prize(s)
 - Need more advertising. Joe brought up possibly advertising on the movie theater screen
 - Need our own paper towel, dish soap and hand soap in the kitchen!
 - Need 2 liter pop and bottled water

New Business:

- **Board Member/Officer Changes**
 - Devon Long and Alexia Locke have been sent official resignation papers. Their resignations were made via PBR Board Chat on October 16, 2017.
 - Pam Thurston was voted in by Joseph Gemayel and Lynn Perkins in the capacity of Board Member and Officer-Secretary.
 - Joe will continue to take care of the Treasurer's Report.
 - There was discussion about bringing on board Amy Neibert. Vote unanimously approved for Amy to serve as a Board Member by Joseph Gemayel, Lynn Perkins and Pam Thurston.
- **Reaching out to Homeless Vets**
Joe attended Homeless Connect in Lapeer on November 2nd and met Blue Water and Battle Buddy. They will get back to him.
- **Non-Profit Status**
Our application was kicked back for additional information. The accountant had a personal crisis and left. Joe will contact him tomorrow. If we don't hear anything in 2 weeks we will pursue other avenues.

- **Newsletter**
Joe has a sample newsletter he will email to us for review
- **Email/Donor List**
Joe will take care of this. We have a list from the last two Rucks. He will post on Facebook letting everyone know to make a request to be put on our email list.
- **Future Events**
 - 2 Raffles for 2018 (need 3 months to advertise)
 - Ruck September 8th, 2018 (would like to send out packets in March hopefully under our own non-profit; if not, then we will partner with Mission 22 again. Last year we raised 5K; this year we will need an add'l 10K to cover the cost of MDOT. We are planning on advertising early in the newspaper, flyers, on the radio)
 - Theater/Play – partner up with a local high school and do a play about the history of our flag and our National Anthem. Contact drama teacher and maybe split admission cost 50/50 with school and PBR.
 - Spring Gala in 2019
- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**
All future events will have a timeline established to better assist volunteers carry out their duties efficiently and to avoid miscommunication.
- **Checks/Bank Accounts**
 - Lynn will check with Sam's Club on getting a new register/check writing system; we would like 4 separate bank accounts:
 - OPERATIONS: Utilities and other overhead
 - EVENTS
 - CAPITAL FUND: Savings, real estate
 - GENERAL FUND: Our current business account, petty cash
- **Movie Donation**
Plans to make a donation to the movie "A Combat Veteran" have been scratched
- **Meeting Location Change**
In an effort to increase attendance, our next meeting will be held at Greg's in Metamora. The thought is that a public place with food may draw more interest.
- **Closed Board Group**
 - To define who we help...WE WILL HELP ANY VETERAN...no matter race, religion, gender, honorable or dishonorable discharge. As long as they are a verified veteran (DD 214).
 - Classy.com payment is coming up. We can pay \$750/quarter or the full amount. Joe personally paid 3K last year to them.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Joe; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Pamela A. Thurston
Secretary
Project Brotherhood Resolve

ADDENDUM TO MEETING MINUTES
VETERAN ASSISTANCE
DISCUSSIONS / VOTES VIA PBR BOARD CHAT

12/04/2017 – Joe received a lead from VFW Auxiliary about a struggling vet that needs rent paid for \$1,200. He and his family should be fine once they get caught up with the rent.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Amy-YES; Lynn-YES”

To pay rent in the amount of \$1,252.28 to assist Phillip and Torrie Jerashen.

12/05/2017 – Joe received a call from a vet in need, Paul Roscoe. He was directed to us by Love, Inc. He just got a job at KFC and starts tomorrow but needs rent paid for \$515. His job will cover his monthly rent and electric bill.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Lynn-YES; Amy-YES”

To pay rent in the amount of \$515 to assist Paul Roscoe.

12/15/2017 – Joe received a call from a contact in Lapeer (via Love, Inc.) about a 74 year old verified vet that is living in a broken down camper with no heat in the Vassar area. She is being taken to Port Huron to get her application with Blue Water started but that can take a couple months. We were asked if we could help on a short-term basis with rent.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Amy-YES; Lynn-YES”

To pay rent on a short-term basis, amount TBD, as we look for a rental.