



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

MVCF/PROJECT BROTHERHOOD RESOLVE

MEETING MINUTES (held at Eclipse Burgers-Fraser) March 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

- The Tuesday, March 20, 2018 Monthly Board Meeting was called to order by President Gemayel at 6:10 pm.

Officers/Board Members present (4):

Joseph Gemayel, Lynn Perkins, Amy Neibert, Pam Thurston

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Rudy Alaoui-CPA, Mike Przybylo-Red, White & Blue (Ruck Detroit);

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

- Mike Przybylo of Red, White & Blue spoke about their group and the weekly Rucks on the riverfront they do. Belle Isle may be of interest to us for our Ruck in the D as it has a 6 mile loop. DNR application fee is \$50.00. The Riverwalk Conservancy would need to be contacted about set-up fees (he doesn't think we would need). We would have to contact the city about using the sidewalks. We are looking at September 29 or October 6. He offered his help to PBR and would welcome us to partner with him. Mike's cell is 248.761.0162; email: mikeprzylo@yahoo.com. Mike left after his presentation.
- Rudy Alaoui informed us as to what was happening with the non-profit group we were seeking to have their status transferred to PBR. The transfer of "Midwest Veterans Care Foundation", (MVCF) Tax ID #452974556, will become effective Monday, March 26, 2018, and will operate under PBR. Everything will be finalized with their board on March 30th. Rudy explained that even though we are all volunteers – we must take at least a small wage – even if we donate it all back to the group. Since we will be a 501C3, we are allowed to hold one raffle every quarter – 4 day event max. He told us how important it was to keep impeccable, clear records and to be especially careful with documenting all fundraising and expenditures. Also, to focus on our main goal which is veteran housing. Rudy concluded and left the meeting.
- Nicole Gauthier – of Lapeer Veteran's Navigator joined us to discuss her documentary "Project 22" which is about veteran suicide. It is 92 minutes long and delves into alternative treatments other than medication. She is looking for a venue to show her DVD (there is a trailer available online). The American Legion is \$100 per hour plus \$100 cleaning and set-up. She thinks she would need it for about 4 hours. Nicole left after her presentation. We will discuss helping her at a later date.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2018 MINUTES:

MOTION by President Gemayel, supported by Lynn Perkins, to approve the Minutes of January 15, 2018

Aye: (4) Gemayel, Perkins, Neibert, Thurston

Nay: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by President Gemayel. We have a balance of \$649.08.

MOTION by President Gemayel, supported by Amy Neibert, to approve the Treasurer's Report of
March 20, 2018

Aye: (4) Gemayel, Perkins, Neibert, Thurston

Nay: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

EVENTS:

- Taco Tuesday – scheduled for April 3. 1st Tuesday's of the month only.
- In-Cadence Silkies Challenge March 26 – April 7 (Joe needs help with this one). 5 gyms involved
- RFTF – September 8
- Ruck in the D – September 29 or October 6

(Having our non-profit status will allow us to get more donations than in the past.)

MOTION by President Gemayel, supported by Lynn Perkins, to plan our Ruck in the D in partnership with Red, White & Blue.

Aye: (4) Gemayel, Perkins, Neibert, Thurston

Nay: (0)

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- Veteran Assistance – Marjorie – Joe hasn't spoken with Cheryl lately. Nothing new to report.
- Veteran Assistance – Kurt – Joe hasn't heard from him lately but knows he is going to live with a friend.
- Veteran Assistance – Jeff – Rene found him a roommate to live with.
- Vacation for raffle – table until next meeting.
- PBR site access and use class (Website, Classy, Mailchimp, etc.) – discuss over Messenger

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchase of battle flag for raffle, Ruck – look into buying items for rucks and raffle from veteran owned companies/made by veterans

UPCOMING MEETINGS/COMMENTS:

- Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6:00 pm – location TBD.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Gemayel adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pamela A. Thurston

Secretary

Project Brotherhood Resolve

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

CORRECTION 03/20/2018 – ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID WAS \$556.55.

02/27/2017 – Joe received a message from Michelle Overzet of the VFW requesting assistance in paying gas/electric bill and car repair bill. Joe proposed we pay for the car repair which is \$630.00.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Amy-YES”

04/05/2018 – Joe received a call from Nicole Gauthier about a soldier that needs assistance with his rent. Michael is a Michigan National Guardsman, out of work, behind half months rent. Joe proposed payment of \$484.95 to Turrill Estate Apartments on behalf of Michael Kim.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Lynn-YES; Amy-YES”

04/09/2018 – Joe received a call from Kurt – he needs help paying his phone bill again.

VOTE TAKEN VIA CHAT TO PAY KURT’S PHONE BILL - \$48.00 TO BOOST MOBILE:

“Joe-YES; Pam-YES; Lynn-YES; Amy-YES”