

## Minutes

### The UUP Veterans Committee

Rye , NY

October 25, 2019

Members in attendance: Sarah Battaglia, William Borgstede, Justin Culkowski, Clifford DaVis, Ray Gleason-liaison to Executive Board, Catherine Gropper, J. Thomas Hogle, Stuart L'Hommedieu, Barbara Warkentine, Ward Shaffer. Guests: Frederick Houston and Michael Canders

Members who informed the Chairs they would not attend: Greg Cole, Robert Kasprak, Kevin Moriarty, Ed Hines, David Scholl, and David Foti.

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by Co-Chair J Culkowski

Minutes of the May 2019 meeting were reviewed. Barbara W. moved approval, Cliff D. seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

#### Old Business;

1. J. Culkowski shared that the fiscal year starts on 1 September so the committee has \$5,500. Meetings are the biggest cost for our committee.
2. J. Culkowski indicated he contacted UUP President Fred Kowal and LRS Director, Pat Domaratz, asking if there were any reported problems with employment involving the rights of veterans. There were no reported problems.
3. Members in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and indicate why they were on the committee. All seemed to have some relationship with the military and/or to veterans. Ward Shaffer noted his name was not on the official list of members. ACTION: J. Culkowski will contact Jeri O'Bryan-Losee and make sure his name is included in the future.
4. W. Borgstede and Ray G. had raised the idea of a check-off on the expense voucher for Fisher House. W. Borgstede indicated he brought up this concept with F. Kowal. J. Culkowski asked Ray G. to bring it up again with the Executive Board. J. Culkowski said he talked to Tina George from the Finance Office and she said there was not enough room on the form to do this. Several ideas were suggested and S. L'Hommedieu and Ward Shaffer were in favor of individuals willing to support Fisher House to scratch off, as an example, the Undergraduate Scholarship line and write in " Fisher House." ACTION: Ray G. will bring this up at an Executive Board Meeting and J. Culkowski will communicate this with J. O'Bryan-Losee. In other fundraising developments, Barbara W. donated several key chains which correspond to military medals in their color composition. They have been well received. G. Cole was sending a wooden pen and Amish wallet to be used as prizes. Several other members had donated candy and "adult beverages".
5. The website was discussed and members urged to make suggestions for improvement as they arise. An effort to get veterans to submit pictures of themselves while on active duty had not met with any significant response.

6. J. Culkowski shared the “Charge” for the Veterans Committee and indicated it may change as time goes on. Nevertheless, all the items in the charge were reviewed. No discussion followed.

New Business:

1. J. Culkowski and W. Borgstede raised the issue of having two members of the committee to set up and otherwise “run” the Veterans Table. J. Culkowski noted Cyndi Bayley from UUP is a huge help with this and it simply is a matter of setting up as volunteers usually pitch in. W. Shaffer and C. DaVis will handle this at the next DA in Albany. ACTION: Cliff and Ward will set up and J. Culkowski will send them the needed information to be successful.
2. T. Hogle was asked about his willingness to distribute Honor Cords again at Commencement. He indicated he would and has received many cords from W. Borgstede so new purchases are not needed. If cords are needed: email: [write\\_thogle@hotmail.com](mailto:write_thogle@hotmail.com)
3. The purchasing of a wreath for the NYC Veterans Day Parade and ceremonies was discussed. J. Culkowski has requested funding for this from the Solidarity Committee. We had hoped to have two members of the committee there that day but Barbara W. has to teach that Monday and Kevin Moriarty was not at the meeting so he needs to be contacted. ACTION: J. Culkowski will contact K. Moriarty and the florist to get the wreath pending approval from the Solidarity Committee.
4. When asked about any concerns. M. Canders asked if veterans can be identified on our campus. The answer is “no” due to privacy concerns. However, J. Culkowski asked each member to take pictures of any veteran events on their campus and send them to him and he will forward to “The Voice” for potential publication.
5. There was a motion to adjourn by W. Shaffer, seconded by W. Borgstede. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Culkowski, Co-Chair

Veterans Committee.