

Minutes

The UUP Veterans Committee

Albany, NY

May 10, 2019

Members in attendance: (Listed on official attendance sheet.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Bill Borgstede

Minutes of the February 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

1. Members in attendance introduced themselves-there were seven, and an additional four attended as potential new members. The attendance list was handed in as is normal procedure.
2. The new budget for the Veterans Committee will be \$5,500 in the FY 2019-'20 budget. This is a reduction due, in large part, to the fact there will no longer be three delegate assemblies but only two. The fiscal year starts September 1, 2019.
3. When asked if any veteran issues had come up, Cliff DaVis noted there was a problem at SUNY Albany that had been resolved. No action was needed by the committee.
4. A review of fund raising from the past delegate assemblies was done and new ideas entertained. Ray Gleason, liaison to the Executive Committee, suggested that President Kowal and other officers of UUP should be contacted to see if Veteran Committee charities could be added to the expense vouchers where delegates can donate some of their reimbursements for charitable purposes. (Bill Borgstede contacted President Kowal about this and the idea was forwarded by President Kowal to Tina George and Jeri O'Bryan -Losee for consideration.)
5. The Webpage was discussed and all agreed it was easy to find and use.
6. Staffing for the committee table in the registration area was raised. A good response followed.
7. Tom Hogle reported that honor cords were being requested from the campuses and he is being judicious in supplying members with them due to their cost.
8. Plans for the fall include having Kevin Moriarty and possibly Barbara Warkentine from Maritime at the NYC Veterans Day parade. They will take pictures of themselves with the UUP wreath.
9. It was reported that the Governor will provide financial aid in the form of free SUNY tuition for Gold Star families. More details to follow.
10. Kevin Moriarty has been named to the 1st NY State Senate District's Veterans Hall of Fame by Senator LaValle. Bill B. will ask for a special order of business at the DA to recognize Kevin and his commendation will be read.
11. The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Borgstede, Co-Chair

Veterans Committee.