



Women Veterans of New Mexico
P O Box 36648, Albuquerque NM 87176
MINUTES of MONTHLY MEETING
March 10, 2011

1. Call to Order by Pat Gaston at 5:04 p.m.

Board Members: (✓ means Present)

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| ✓ Pat Gaston, President, HG | ✓ Myra Powers, Secretary, HG |
| ✓ Diana Wong, Vice President, HG | ✓ Joni Seymour, Sargent at Arms, HG |
| ✓ Jan Herbert, Treasurer, HG | ✓ Sophie Maestas, Director |

2. Review Board Meeting Minutes of Feb 10, 2011 – Minutes approved with formatting corrections.

3. Reports

a. President – Pat Gaston

1. Sponsorship of transitioning women – Sophie reports that we are sponsoring Monica Natewa (monicanatewa@yahoo.com) who is getting into her apartment tomorrow (3/11). She is from Farmington but moved to Albuquerque.
2. YWCA Transitional house painting – more house painting to be completed all-day Mar 11-12. They will also be moving stuff from storage to house. They will probably also be working Saturday.
3. Furniture donations Point Of Contact –Sophie Maestas:
 - a. Brenda, of Lady Warriors group in Farmington had been in the hospital. They have been big supporters of the Transitioning program, donating truckload of stuff to start us out.
 - b. We have sheets, plates, etc. Pat and Sophie to meet to transfer those items. Joni says let her know when we are going to organize the storeroom, as she knows of workstudies who can help through their requirement to do outreach. Sophie and Joni to work out details. Since next week is Spring Break, that may be a good time.
 - c. Pat to work on getting in touch with another lady (“accountlady” is her email) who may be interested in participating.
4. New location for WVNM Membership meetings is at Furrs, at San Mateo/Academy. Myra has street address on website.

b. Treasurer – Jan Herbert:

1. New Members: Jan reports Spreadsheet is up to date as of today but didn’t get it printed out. Transferring Membership Coordinator position to VP, Diana, and Jan will email her the updated Membership Roster. Diana and Myra to coordinate these Member Rosters with QuickBooks.
2. Myra to pdf Financial Reports from QuickBooks and will email to everyone, as she forgot to print them . There is approx \$3116. There is money earmarked (\$300) for 501(c)3.

3. Diana reimburses \$20 for overpayment in Check #1069 we erroneously paid last in February.
 - c. **Secretary:** Myra reports that WVNM is holding the \$300 fee for making us a 501(c)3 organization as noted above.
 - d. **Honor Guard** – Joni Seymour
 1. Plans for PowWow May 7-8th going well.
 2. YWCA Opening Ceremony March 23, 3 pm. Honor Guard will do colors approx 3:30pm.
 3. Reports she is having trouble reaching Gloria Worthington to request her uniform back if she is not going to participate in Honor Guard.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a. **VA Event Table** – Report on VA Outreach – Joni reports:
 1. Saw an average of 20 women veterans each day
 2. Rides to Membership Meetings: Joni reports some women veterans stated that they need rides to attend - Joni told them to email or call a Board member the day prior and we will assist in picking them up
 - b. **2011 Membership Meetings:** Apr 16, Jul 16, Oct 15 & Christmas Party Dec 17th. Next meeting is Apr 16 at Furr's, San Mateo/Academy.
 - c. **Working with Shelters** – Barrett House: Paulette Poinier has been very good at keeping Pat informed on her efforts in coordinating with the shelters. Paulette is WVNM Auxiliary member.
 - d. **Gift bags for female vets:** Joni reports she will draft an email and Pat will send it out letting people know what needs to be donated. People like to help but need to know what to donate.
 - e. **Horses for Heroes** – sometime in Spring, date TBD.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. YWCA Paint and projects, Mar 11 & 12 (see President's report under 4.a.2 above).
 - b. YWCA Opening Ceremony -
 - c. T-Shirts - Diana
 1. Diana reports that from VA outreach, she has approx 40 t-shirts to order and knows what sizes she needs.
 2. Diana passes out several reports: screen printing price breakdown by number of shirts ordered, and depending on number of colors to screen print; T-shirt prices by size (\$4.00-\$5.25 ea); and T-shirt inventory of Cammo, Red/White WVNM words only; Red/White Logo; and Red/White/Blue Logo.
 3. When women order T-shirts, they need to be informed that there will be a \$5 charge for postage. T-Shirts will be \$15 + \$5 postage = \$20. She brought a sample box to roll shirt in for mailing.

--Joni mentions to be sure we have T-shirts for Socorro's PowWow. Diana and Myra to go and order T-shirts. We will ask to be billed.**MOTION:** (Diana/Joni 2nd) **Approve to the amount of \$400 for purchase of T-shirts. Unanimous.**

- a. **Postcards** as reminders of Membership meetings for non-email members. Postcards are free items Pat has obtained from VistaPrint.
 - b. **Dues Reminders** – Pat states she will do as last year, and send out reminders with self-addressed return envelope to those members who have not renewed. It seems to encourage membership renewal if all they have to do is write check and put stamp on envelope.
 - c. **Logo Pins** – Diana recommends that we look into ordering pins with WVNM logo to give to new members. Pins are \$.99 each, but minimum order is 250. There is a set-up fee and Diana will look into this. She will take Oath from applicant and give pin for joining.
 - d. “Attagirls” – Lots of kudos for those who do so much to make WVNM the active group we are:
 1. Myra – website updates, spreadsheet help
 2. Joni – VA Outreach was a success
 3. Sophie – stepping up to coordinate Transitioning
 4. Jan – stepping up as Treasurer when Gloria resigned
 5. Diana – T-shirts and other research we give her
 6. Pat – for all the work she does as President
2. **Next Board Meeting:** April 14th

OTHER:

UVC - Diana reports that new item is that Martin Heinrich coming up with award for person or organization who does much to help veterans. When it gets approved, we should put WVNM in for it.

Quarterly meeting with Carole Dunsbach, VA Women Vets Coordinator – Pat attended meeting last month and states that Carole and her crew seem to be very receptive to listening to our concerns and incorporating ideas into practice.

Sophie brings cards for Website: www.togetherweserved.com to find your military co-workers.

8. **ADJOURN:** 5:58pm (Myra/2nd Diana)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mar 23 – Opening of YWCA Transition House (Honor Guard)
- Apr 14 – Board Meeting
- May 7-8 – Socorro PowWow (Honor Guard May 8th)