

Mervyn Sharp Bennion
Central Utah Veterans Home

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021 4:00p.m.

Welcome: Art Richardson, Advisory Board Chairman

Members in Attendance: Art Richardson- Chairman, Monica Arnold, Cindy, Quinn Cloward

Members Via Zoom: Nick Flake, Julie Fire- Resident Council President

Guests and Staff: Weston Parsons- Administrator, Jeff Hanson, Jim Bedingfield- Director

Meeting Convened: 4:00p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Art Richardson

State Officer's Report: Jim Bedingfield

Improvement Projects: There is a plan to renovate the front desk that includes lowering part of the counter, and refacing it. Other plans are to zero scape the parking strip in the rear, and replace the flooring throughout the building including carpet and laminate in high traffic areas.

The Capital Improvement Project of burying the power line at the rear of the property has been completed.

Donation Fund: The fund is healthy, however there are fewer donations believed to be related to the disconnect from the community. There have been fewer expenditures as well. They have been able to have music groups come in.

Administrator's Report:

- There was a complaint survey today with 3 complains, all were deemed unsubstantiated.
- There was a recent COVID outbreak that is coming to an end. So far, 100 staff and residents have tested positive. 5 memory care patients passed away.
- Staffing has been an issue. Wages recently increased to help.
- VA Survey: 1 infection control tag- staff changed gloves, didn't wash hands, but did sanitize. One Life Safety tag- O2 tanks on carpet.

UDVMA Report: Jeff Hanson

All 4 veteran's homes are struggling in census. All are in the red, decreased revenue and increased wages = more money out. Facilities are looking at increasing the share of cost for low per diem \$5 per day as well as help get veterans added services and benefits.

The Department Newsletter is available electronically monthly.

The Bluffdale Cemetery Expansion Project is complete. The Ogden cemetery project is still in process.

There is discussion of the need to replace the Salt Lake Veteran's Home in the future.

Old Business/ New Business:

- The check total from the car show is \$3,300.00
- 5 veterans recently went on the Honor Flight.
- Golf Tournament was cancelled due to COVID.
- Santa Zone: The date for the Santa Zone is Friday December 3rd. Set up will be Thursday the 2nd.
Inventory needs to be gone through.
- Cindy asked Weston if he needed candy donations for Halloween.
- Art asked Nick to contact Craig Thorn about donating to the Santa Zone.

Next Advisory Board Meeting: January 26, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Adjourned: Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm

Note: Secretary Randy Edwards was unable to attend. Monica Arnold, board member took minutes.