

Bennion Veterans Home
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2018
4:00 p.m.

1. Welcome Art Richardson
Attending were: Jeff Hanson, Terry Reed, Katie Partridge, Aaron Earnst, Gary Measom, John Williams, John Eakins, Art Richardson, Cindy Jones, Andrew Wilson, Wayne Jackson, Dennis McFall. Kelly Snowball

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting Art Richardson
... to accept minutes as written.

3. State Director's Report Jeff Hanson
Jeff Hanson acknowledged Terry Reid who is the interim resident council president. Jeff noted that former resident council President and board member, Don Reaveley, who passed away will be missed and expressed his gratitude for all that Don had done for the facility.
Jeff informed the board that Avalon Health Care submitted the winning proposal in the management contract RFP and will continue to manage and operate the Bennion Veterans Home for another 5 years.
Jeff informed the board that the state of Utah has appropriated money through the state capital improvements program to replace the facility sewer line. The current line has previously failed on two occasions. An Engineer will review the current sewer lift system and determine the best fix to suffice well in to the future.
Jeff announced that a new Medal of Honor display will be hung in the main hallway. It was initiated by a Boy Scout as an Eagle Scout project. The display will honor 8 Medal of Honor recipients that have ties to Utah.
Jeff reviewed contributions and expenses made to the donation fund since the last board meeting. The account currently has a balance of \$26,824.13. Jeff also reviewed the in-kind donations made since the last board meeting.

4. Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Dennis McFall
98% occupancy rate. Noted that the management contract with Avalon was concluded well in advance of the old contract expiration; with minimum changes to the verbiage. The State continues its process to expand the Veterans Cemetery. There are only 2500 casket sites remaining. Using 500 per year.

5. Administrators Report Aaron Earnest
Close to 100% projected as there is currently a one year wait list. The Bennion home continues to max out the Pinnacle Satisfaction Surveys. We remain a five star facility in every metric. The annual car show fund raiser this year will be held June 15.

6. Old Business

Art Richardson

7. New Business

Art spoke of an activity with the Rotary Club of Springville and the American Legion Post 68. I have \$5,200 in my notes? There is a 5k walk in Spanish Fork

8. Next Meeting

Art Richardson

Due to a conflict with the Bennion Home Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday March 28, we will be meeting on the 3rd **Tuesday, March 27** at 4 pm.

9. Adjourn

Art Richardson

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Once again Avalon provided the most excellent light meal. Well done! Thank you.