

April 21, 2016

NDVCC MINUTES

OPENING:

Chairman Russ Stabler opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our POW/KIA.

Roll Call was taken with 4 members excused and Alan Wondrasek sitting in for Gary Himmerich.

Rod Olin, DAV moved to accept the minutes and Wayne Paulson, VFW seconded the motion and they were approved.

Gary Maddock, AMVETS gave the finance report and it was approved by a motion from Bud Goldsmith and a second by Murray Strom.

Kristi Wolf with the American Lung Association spoke on the tobacco initiative, stating that we need to continue collecting signatures. She also spoke of where different events were going on and where we should be able to collect many signatures.

Kristi asked that you report your signatures as you collect them so that we know where we are and that we won't have to hurry to get the final signatures needed.

Kristi answered many questions such as misinformation on the initiative along with letters to the editors.

Old Business:

David Johnson gave a report on what the American Legion were doing in promoting the initiative and suggested ways the other VSO could use to gain signatures.

There were questions relating on how this initiative would be able to help Veterans across the State.

A question was asked if the Legislature could take control of the money after the election and the answer was probably not for seven years. Then a simple majority could redirect where the money might go.

Bruce Saylor wanted to meet with the people to find out what they wanted to do with the money. Warren Tobin said that the NDVCC was to deal with legislation and the ACOVA were the administrators of the law and according to the initiative they were to set up a strategic plan on how the money would be distributed to help the needy Veterans.

It was stated the first project is to get 25000 signatures and that June 30, 2016 was the deadline for getting signatures.

New Business:

There was no new business brought before the Council.

Good and Welfare:

Rod Olin urged everyone of the importance in getting started early

Murray Strom showed how the AMVETS were promoting their raffles and how well it was going for them. Alan Wondersek seconded the idea.

Trish Hogny thanked us for meeting and allowing them to attend.

It was urged to get plans from every organization on the strategic plan.

Next Meeting:

The ACOVA is meeting at the Comfort Inn on July 28 and 29, which would be a great time for the Council to reorganize before the legislative session.

This concluded the meeting and we adjourned.

Submitted by

Gary Maddock, Sec.