

TACVPO

Texas Association of Collegiate Veteran Program Officials

June 18, 2014

Conference Planning Meeting – *MCM Eleganté, Abilene, TX*

Board Attendees:

Tammy Micallef, President
Bernice Flett, First Vice President
Billy Yost, Second Vice President
Elizabeth Johnson, Secretary
Debbie Alexander, Treasurer & Ex-President

Meeting was called to order at 10:51 a.m.

The Treasurer's report was given by Debbie Alexander. The funds in the account were transferred over to Wichita Falls Teacher Credit Union. TACVPO is very solid financially. There are sufficient funds for a healthy start to our 2015 Conference. The audit is still in progress and once done, the books will be passed from Annabelle Smith to Debbie. We will make sure that a deposit is left with the Hotel before we leave today. Motion was made by Elizabeth Johnson to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Tammy Micallef, and was unanimously approved.

The Minutes for the Annual Business Meeting were reviewed by Elizabeth. Motion was made by Tammy to accept the minutes as presented, Bernice seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Old Business: There was no old business

Discussion: Tammy suggested that we have a new logo designed. Discussion points: current one is not original one so we may put this as a historical thing on the website, who to design (Tammy has contact), Motion was made by Tammy to spend up to \$500 for design of new logo, seconded by Billy, unanimously accepted.

Discussion: Billy discussed the possibility of signing up Travis Mills as a speaker or using his documentary (A Soldier's Story) and skyping him at the end of the program. The costs involved would include \$200 to screen the film and a possible honorarium to him vs. \$7,500 + travel expenses. Suggested amount of honorarium of \$1,000.00 was made and it will be scheduled for an afternoon session. Tammy moved, Debbie 2nded. All approved.

Tammy presented the information on Andrew O'Brian, a foreign war veteran who covers PTSD, etc. His normal charge is \$5,000. However, he is willing to do this for us for free. We would like to pay his travel expenses (which would include

hotel and meals) as well as a \$1,000 honorarium. Tammy moved, Billy 2nded. All approved.

Dr. Emilia O'Neill is willing to talk to us again, on stress management, but we will need to pay her travel costs. Elizabeth Johnson moved, Bernice 2nded. All approved.

Debbie Alexander will check on availability of Donnie Kirk from Vernon to speak on on Communication skills. We will make an honorarium or donation in his name, to be determined.

Discussion: Reviewed comments from last year's sessions. The group discussed options for presenters/presentations. Tickets will be required for all meals and breaks. Mystery dinner (Death of a Blackheart) will be held at the conference center.

Discussion: Visited with Wellington staff on key points – enough food, audio/visual, logistics of meals and breaks, tenting off the patio for overflow.

Visited with CVB reps regarding casino night and goodie bags. Also offering two VIP gift baskets and will set up a Welcome table. Thursday Kiowa casino tour: pick up with buses, buffet, \$10 gaming credit (extra \$10 for 50+). Will have two reps at the table to answer questions and hand out goodie bags. Free shuttle options will be offered from the airport to the hotels.

Debbie: pirate stuff, dinner menus, bags.

Elizabeth: Stress dolls, vendors/exhibitors

Tammy: Will develop a spreadsheet with all membership information that will assist with emails, etc.

Discussion: Motion was made by Bernice that the organization pay for all travel related Board expenses, seconded by Tammy. All approved.

Discussion: We need to bring the suggestion before the membership that a new permanent position needs to be created for a Web Master.

Discussion: We also need to add the minutes to the webpage.

A motion was made to close the Conference Planning Meeting by Tammy Micallef and seconded by Bernice Flett.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Happy Trails until we meet again!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 17, 2014

Beginning balance	\$57,804.91
Expenditures:	
Checks	-28.43
2015 Conference deposit	-5,000.00
Current balance	\$52,776.88

Submitted by Debbie Alexander, Treasurer