

Soldiers' Home in Holyoke Board of Trustees Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in Conference Room A. The meeting began at 4:05 PM.

- **Members Present**
Daniel J. Smith, Acting Chairman; Benjamin H. Cluff; Cindy T. Lacoste; and Cesar A. Lopez

- **Also Present**
Bennett W. Walsh, Superintendent; John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. David Clinton, Medical Director; Alice Pizzi, Counsel II; Randy G. Stone, Director of Nursing; Eric Donovan, Director of Operations and Planning (Department of Veterans Services); and Lori Beswick, Recording Secretary

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Public Comment**
Daniel J. Smith asked if any member of the public wished to address the Trustees. No public comment was offered.

- **Minutes**
Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

- **Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meeting**
Dr. Clinton presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings held on Thursday, May 11, 2017, and Thursday, June 8, 2017. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the report of the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff Meetings.

- **Presentation by John K. Crotty, Deputy Superintendent**
John K. Crotty conducted a detailed presentation regarding the Disaster Drill that was held on Monday, May 8, 2017. Trustees received a copy of the After Action Review Meeting notes and posed many questions. Upon motion by Cindy T. Lacoste and seconded by Benjamin H. Cluff, it was unanimously VOTED to accept John K. Crotty's Presentation.

- **Superintendent's Report**
Bennett W. Walsh presented the Superintendent's Report. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the Superintendent's Report as presented.

- **Old Business**
There is no old business to report.

- **New Business**
 - Bennett W. Walsh reported on the following:
 - 1) Board of Trustees Scholarships – Four (4) recipients were selected. Upon motion by Cesar A. Lopez and seconded by Cindy T. Lacoste, it was unanimously VOTED to hold the Scholarship Reception at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017;
 - 2) Dedication of the View Finders will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2017;
 - 3) Annual Trustees Picnic will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017;
 - 4) September Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017;
 - 5) Army Birthday and Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14, 2017;
 - 6) 20th Annual Barnes Fire Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 25, 2017;
 - 7) MasSP Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Bennett will be the keynote speaker;
 - 8) Families will be invited to dine with their loved ones in the Dining Room on Father's Day; and
 - 9) Bennett sought approval to use the money donated from the V4V Motorcycle Run to purchase 176 new partitions to be used in between the beds on the Veteran Care Centers. Two styles were presented (transparent or privacy). Cesar A. Lopez suggested that Bennett survey the Veterans and staff to see which one they prefer. Upon motion by Benjamin H. Cluff and seconded by Cesar A. Lopez, it was unanimously VOTED to support the balance of the cost necessary to purchase the partitions.

- **Adjournment**
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennett W. Walsh
Secretary for the Board of Trustees