

COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

PRESENT: R. Wesley, K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Madison, N. Petrillo, C. Dutton, L. Dalton
ABSENT: M. Holliday, J. Minner
OTHERS: J. Parkin, Dr. R. Clouse, C. Ladd, S. Hansen, E. Harriss, S. Mudge, Dr. R. Daiber, C. Ellis, B. Lavite, C. Cohan

***R. Wesley chaired the meeting.**

February minutes were approved by all members present.

VETERANS' ASSISTANCE:

B. Lavite passed out his monthly report to the members. He spoke to the committee about VAC litigation and offered board members the chance for more information if interested. Mr. Lavite said now that litigation has settled, the Treasurer and himself have been working on correcting the process. Mr. Lavite said an Emergency Appropriation did not make it on the Agenda for this month's Finance Committee so a special meeting is being requested. Mr. Lavite noted that during litigation, no Veterans service was uninterrupted.

Mr. Madison inquired about the annual appropriation. There was discussion between Mr. Lavite and the committee on the topic. Please refer to the audio for the full discussion.

Mr. Lavite goes on to share various accomplishments since he has been Superintendent.

Mr. Wesley announced that the VAC has reached out to a Veteran, in Mr. Wesley's district, for property tax relief. Mr. Lavite said WWII and Korean Vets are passing away at record speed and they deserve special attention.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan reported that the reaccreditation application is due by next Friday and the site visit is in September. She said they had their first sexual prevention assembly at Meadowbrook Elementary School and the next is scheduled for grades k-2 then High School. Ms. Cohan said they provided training at the Attorney General's Office per new legislation. Trivia night was held on March 2nd. Ms. Cohan spoke of legislation that will exempt Child Advocacy Center interviews from FOIA.

C. Dutton thanked Ms. Cohan for holding the assembly and shared a story of feedback from her cheerleading team that participated in the assembly.

MUSEUM:

J. Parkin reported that the Black History exhibits have been installed in the Court House and Administration Building. He also shared that there was an issue with online exhibits via mobile devices that has been resolved. Mr. Parkin gave an update on the roof leak. He said the leak has been identified by Tindall Construction and repaired. R. Schmidt assessed the front of Helm Center and believes the front facade will eventually need to be rebuilt. Mr. Parkin said the Society has paid to have 2 HVAC systems replaced.

Steve Hansen spoke to the board members how the Museum adds quality of life to Madison County, specifically with the Capital Campaign. He speaks of their strategic plan and future goals for the Historical Society. They will be having a meeting on Friday.

Candace Ladd updated the board members on the Capital Campaign. She said they have met 3 times and have compiled a list of businesses and individuals that are potential donors.

Steve Mudge, a frequent volunteer, spoke to the board members about the reasons the Madison County Historical Society is important. He said the strategic plan will include all facets of Madison County including industry and agriculture.

EDUCATION:

Dr. Daiber reported that 228 middle school students participated in Junior Olympiad at SIU. He also shared that on March 29th from 8am to 12pm, in coordination with Madison County Workforce Investment Board, a Career Fair will be held for Granite City High School at the Granite City SWIC Campus. He also said that the State has a new Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Carmen Ayala. Dr. Daiber said that Governor Pritzker announced a new Chair of State Board of Education, Darren Reisberg. He also named various new members of the State Board of Education. Senate Bill 28 is now in the 2nd reading of the House. Dr. Daiber passed around a copy of the 2018 Teacher Shortage Study and announced that in November 2020 a new bus driver policy will be going to effect.

MENTAL HEALTH:

J. Roth was unable to attend but provided the members with her report prior to the meeting.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays are being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: K. Novacich-Koberna, M. Madison, N. Petrillo, C. Dutton, L. Dalton NAYS: None.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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