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VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 1, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

Committee Chairperson: Carmen Miranda
Attendance: Jeffery Hunter, Cole Hawkins
Excused absence: Jean Hill

- I) Greetings and introductions
- II) The committee unanimously voted that Cole Hawkins be appointed as the co-chair of the veterans committee.
- III) Discussed the Veterans Brunch scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2018 at Lehman College.
 - A) Honorees were discussed and the committee is in the process of narrowing down this year's choices which are (only first names will be used at this time to protect privacy).
 - 1) Doug
 - 2) Pennon
 - 3) Enrico
 - 4) Nestor
 - A) Further discussion about the veterans' brunch involved entertainment and program for the brunch.
 - 1) We went over the kinds of entertainment that was present in last year's brunch; some of the members expressed a delight to see some of the same entertainers as last year and some new ones.
 - B) The committee will reach out to Private Emmanuel Mensah's foundation to honor him during the veteran's brunch; Private Mensah was an Army veteran who lost his life in January 2018 saving lives in a massive Bronx fire.
 - 1) The committee will explore these options and have a rough draft of the program by next month's meeting.
 - C) The committee will arrange a walkthrough of the venue before the brunch.
 - D) The committee will arrange for Veterans and/or active duty service members to get assistance to write their bios.
- IV) Outreach
 - A) The committee discussed outreach to get people to come to the monthly meetings as well as to the various activities.
 - 1) We identified some key organization and places that we can reach out to, to invite members of the community to come to our meetings as well as our events.



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- 2) We will make flyers for the brunch that will also give information about our next meetings.
 - 3) Several members of the committee along with several of our guests agreed to hand out these flyers which we want to have available at the next general board meeting.
- V) We continue to want to showcase the bios that we have on our CB7 website and we want to continue to add more bios for the website.
- A) We need to coordinate with the library and/or CB7 staff so that we can assist the veterans with writing their bios.
 - 1) We agreed that the bios should have this basic information:
 - (a) Name, picture, rank, deployments (if any), awards, medals and any other relevant information that the veteran and/or active duty member would like to share.
 - (b) We then moved on from the veteran's brunch because of an incident that occurred (incident reported).
- VI) We briefly touched on a subject that was brought up by a resident about the metro north giving discounts to veterans.
- A) Unfortunately this could not be discussed further because of aforementioned incident and the meeting ended abruptly.
 - 1) This concluded the meeting of the Veterans Committee.
- VII) Adjournment