



March 20th Meeting Notes

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	Welcome by Maureen Jouett of BEITZ
10:00 AM	Participants from all agencies gave an introduction and brief synopsis of their agency and scope of work. 27 participants present. Denise Whitsel Goodwill Mission Services Director discussed Advisory Board meeting notes and VSACT member survey results from last month. Denise also discussed fund raising opportunity and costs (\$125) associated with our website and domain name due soon. Dino Wilson, TCM Patient Advocate Temple VA Medical Center discussed next months meeting possibly at VA. Maureen Jouett, Director BEITZ advised members to send in a flyer of events to post on website. Frank Minosky, Mentor Coordinator with Fort Hood Vets Court discussed access to meeting notes on VSACT.org website.
10:10 AM	Dr. Sonjanette Crossley, President of Lee Crossley Veteran's Community Project presented her and her late husband's history of service and organization of the East side of City of Temple and Bell County under the banner of Citizens for Progress. Lee Crossley had stressed taking action on the premise advocacy and not adversarial. Building credibility by involvement of boards and committees in our community. She went over Lee Crossley Veteran's Community Project history and progress. There are 23 homes still available to be sold in the neighborhood. There is a Community Center with a kitchen, washers and dryers. Sonjanette gave a contact flyer out to members. She expressed the desire to host VSACT agencies on site. Which will allow them access to residents and provide services after contacting Christina Valentine, Ft. Hood Habitat for Humanity . She talked about the volunteers, donations and residents of the project. Christina Valentine discussed feeding of volunteers. Home Depot will be putting in landscaping. Ellis Air Cond., Lowes, various restaurants and many other builders and companies have donated supplies, work, and food to the project. Jo-Ell Guzman, City of Temple Resource Coordinator discussed a waiver of permit fees included for ramps and a grant from Home Depot for roofs. The project is being used as a model for an upcoming project in Minnesota. The presentation concluded with Dr. Crossley's urging everyone to get involved, if possible. She offered to host our next VSACT meeting on the 17 April at the Lee Crossley Veteran's Community Project site. Dr. Crossley gave out her personal cell number as (254)421-0146 and agreed to contact Denise Whitsel with the confirmation to host the April meeting.
10:30 AM	Updates and Events up to 17 April, the next meeting date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Whitsel discussed Goodwill Job Fairs in Waco (hosted on that day) and at Grace Christian Center Youth Worship Building in Killeen on March 26th from 4PM to 6PM. • Maureen Jouett discussed the Killeen Sister City event with City of Osan, South Korea and requested to be contacted for free tickets to the event. • Q for Kids Fund Raiser for Aware Central Texas on Saturday (March 23rd) bounce houses and other games.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Peer Support Training will be at BEITZ (254)423-7632 to register. • Frank Minosky relayed Veteran Lunch at Deadfish Grill info for the last Friday of every month at Noon. • Jo-Ell Guzman asks for volunteers to help on April 13th at the Ferguson Park Cleanup. • Temple has grants for small home repair. Contact Jo-Ell at (254)298-5712 or email jgguzman@templetx.gov. • Christina from Habitat discussed basketball game fundraiser with former Harlem Globetrotters on March 28 at Belton High School and March 29 at Shoemaker High School in Killeen. They also are in dire need of Referees. • April Sullivan VSAT relayed Spouses and Veterans Ink Stick Writing Projects March 30 at 10 AM Temple College april@vsatx.org. • She also relayed the Veterans Art Festival in Austin entry deadline is April 15. • USO is holding USO Federal Resume and State Application Workshop: April 11th, 2018: 11:30AM – 1PM at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center (BLDG 36051 62nd St., Fort Hood, TX) • April 17 is Headshot day go to USO FTHOOD Facebook page. • Maureen Sapp from CenterPoint relayed May 3 is Homeless Veteran Day. She is collecting clothing for CenterPoint to offer with their employment services as well as assistance with rent and utilities they need a disconnect notice. • Call (254)258-4757 Looking for volunteers to meet Saturday 10-1pm at the park near YMCA Harker Heights for III Corps Welcome Home Event. • Lori Spencer, Veterans Outreach Program specialist with the Killeen/Harker Heights Vet Center announced National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a US holiday observed annually on March 29. It recognizes veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War. The Vet Center will have an open house that day. If you know of a Vietnam Veteran here or in any state, turn his name to Lori. They will be recognized with a Vietnam Veteran Pin and a certificate. • Call (254)953-7100 Frank Minosky announced that Friday the Thrift Shop on Post because they have had donated \$66,000 to various nonprofits for programs. They will be releasing applications for next year soon.
<p>11:40 AM</p>	<p>Shout outs from Cedar Crest Staff and Starry Staff included information on Operation Phantom Support for free birthday cakes for children a veteran. They will also give out Furniture for families and clothing. Maureen Jouette told a story of a family that had been helped with a bike last year so the veteran could get to work. Now the family is in a much better position and it all began with a shout out for a bike.</p>
<p>11:50 AM</p>	<p>Networking among VSACT members and visitors.</p>
<p>12:00 PM</p>	<p>Adjourned by Denise Whitsel</p>