

WreathsForTheFallen.org

May Meeting Minutes

5-14-13

I. Call to Order

John Thomas called the May monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org to order on Tuesday night May 14th 2013 at 6:30pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN.

II. Roll Call

There were 12 members present. Those present included – Carrie Johnson, Norv Pervier, Freddie Barbeau, Doreen Norgaard, Thomas Norgaard Sr, Jerry Ratcliff, Roger Danielson, Ron Robbins, Jayme Storlie, Louise Danielson, John Thomas and Joyce Tveit. Everyone in attendance signed in and were entitled to one vote. Thomas and Doreen Norgaard are from Shevlin MN (way northern part of MN) and a very interested and excited to be part of our organization. It was great to have them at our meeting along with all the others who attended the meeting.

After the call to order we all faced the American flag and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

'I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made and were approved by a verbal 'Yea' from everyone present. The April meeting was held via a conference call. Meeting minutes are posted on our web site @ www.wreathsforthefallen.org. and also filed with our secretary Carrie Johnson.

IV. Treasurers Report

Treasurer Ron Robbins gave the treasurer's report.

At 2-28-13 the balance was \$2,993.19 – March expenses were \$254.61 and March deposits were \$454.93 with an ending balance of \$ 3,193.51.

April expenses paid were \$911.15 and deposits were \$ 1,190.00 with an ending balance of \$3,472.36 in our checking account.

Jayme Storlie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carrie Johnson seconded the motion, motion was passed to accept the treasures report as submitted. Ron Robbins submitted the reports to the secretary. John Thomas reported that the contributions to date are \$4,833.92.

V. Old Business

Memorial Wreaths – The Memorial Wreaths have been completed and Ron picked them up at Crafts Direct in St. Cloud. We had 11 wreaths made for the ceremony on Memorial Day at the Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley. The wreaths have red white and blue carnations and some greens with a plaque of each branch of the military inside the center of the wreath. A great project completed. Dave Swantek from the cemetery will provide for people to place the wreaths at the ceremony. Ron Robbins will design a box or shelving for the wreaths to be stored in so they stay in good shape and will be able to be used for many years.

Patriot Guard – Donation Request - We received an email from the Patriot Guard / Karla Richardson about completing the annual donation request. Norv Pervier will complete and send in the application.

Facebook – Discussion about keeping up to date with Facebook was again addressed. Jayme Storlie said he would try to update our Facebook page for the next couple months. Thank You Jayme !

Twitter – We also mentioned a Twitter account but no one really had any experience with that type of social media so not a lot of conversation.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES – The community representative project was discussed at great length. Talked about setting up a committee to ask people to be representatives from various communities throughout Minnesota. Roger Danielson was very interested but would not commit to being the Chairperson, he suggested that we have a TEAM or group of people work together to head the project. Jerry Ratcliff, and Freddie Barbeau were also very interested in being part of the group. John is working on a kit to give to each representative so they will be prepared to go out and meet people and inform them about WFTF. The kit would include business cards, name badges, brochures, membership cards and a write up about the history and mission of wreaths for the fallen. We will continue to put the kits together and get a list of interested people. Everyone at this meeting is representative of their 'home town' community.

Jerry Ratcliff said that he would be in charge of talking to KARE11 and CBS news stations. He has done a wonderful job of making contacts in the metro area !

Memorial Day Service – Memorial Day will be observed at the State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley on Sunday May 27th. Our organization does not have any ‘duties’ at the ceremony but everyone is invited. John Thomas will be key note speaker up at Craguns that day. Flags will be placed at the cemetery on Friday the 23rd and anyone is invited to help. We will be removing the flags on Tuesday May 28th – weather permitting. 11:00 briefing.

Conference Calls – The conference call meetings seem to be working out OK. The attendance has been good and people have not had to travel. John Thomas always will send out an email regarding the conference calls and when and how to connect to the meeting.

VI. New Business

Traveling Wall – The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall will be at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds from May 29 – June 2, 2013. More information is posted on our web site. An escort will meet at the visitors center in Brainerd.

Meeting Day Change – We discussed changing the meeting day from Tuesday night to a different night to see if we could get more members to come to the meetings. Every night was a possibility except Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Seems every night is a busy night for everyone so we decided to keep it on Tuesday nights since everyone is aware of the meeting that night.

VII. Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org will be on Tuesday, June 11th 2013 at 6:30 pm. The next Officers meeting will be May 28th 2013 possibly following the removal of the flags at the cemetery.

Please watch for emails regarding any changes to the meeting times or places. Everyone is invited to our meetings.


VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Freddie Barbeau led us in our closing prayer.

Ron Robbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Jayme Storlie seconded it and the meeting was adjourned.

THANKS FOR COMING TO THE MEETING !

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary
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Minutes approved by: 
John Thomas, President
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