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Officers Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2013

I. Call to order

John Thomas called the May officers meeting to order at 2:10 pm at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley MN. All our officers present were – John Thomas, Norv Pervier, Ron Robbins and Carrie Johnson.

II. <u>Minutes from last meeting</u>- Motion was made by Ron Robbins and seconded by Norv to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed – minutes approved.

III. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins-our treasurer gave his report. At 7-22-13 we had a balance of \$4,678.01 in the checking account. Contributions to date are \$3,478.92. We are down \$187.08 from the same period last year.

IV. Topics Discussed

Fair Dates - WreathsForTheFallen.org will be attending several area fairs this summer. Clearwater Fair in Bagley MN will be on July 28th where we will be in the American Legion booth. Tom & Doreen Norgaard have volunteered to be at the booth. John has sent them business cards, brochures and a brochure holder to have in the booth. Thanks to Tom & Doreen and to the American Legion for letting us be in their booth. We will be at the Crow Wing County Fair in Brainerd MN on July 30th which is Military Day. We will be in the Erickson Greenhouse booth - thanks to Mykel Barthel!! The Marine Corp would also like us in their booth again – we will check that next year. Morrison County Fair in Little Falls will be on August 8th – this will also be their Military Appreciation Day. Our contract person is Joyce Tveit – Thanks Joyce. Benton County Fair in Sauk Rapids will be on August 11th. Laura Becker-Pallister will take care of our booth at this fair. John has supplied here with brochures, business cards and everything else that she may need for the booth. Thanks Laura for being our representative at the fair! We have also been invited to have a booth at the MN STATE FAIR on August 27th for the Military Appreciation Day! This will be the 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day at the State Fair. Norv Pervier has taken care of the paperwork. This will be an incredible opportunity for us to introduce many more people to our organization. We will be in the Heritage Square on West Dan Patch Ave. Closest parking would be the Giraffe Lot. This area will be totally designated for Veterans, Military booths, Military services, Blue Star Moms, Veterans health/ welfare/benefits/and other services. There will be a parade for veterans and family. Governor Dayton will speak. They are expecting around 1000 Vietnam Veterans to be in the parade! John Thomas and Norv Pervier have all the information, times, maps and schedule of events. If anyone has questions give them a call at 218-829-6622. This will be a huge event. Anyone can work in

the booth. Booth operation is from 8am and tear down is at 4pm. We can't accept donations but we can hand out our brochures and contribution forms and also get new members. Thanks in advance for everyone who will be working the State Fair – it is only 1 day but will be a very busy and rewarding day.

Community Representative –John is working on putting the kits together and ordering products and supplies. He has checked into T-shirts and ordered business cards for everyone who would be a representative.

Please note some changes in our contact information:

Our main phone # is 218-829-6622

Our current email addresses are:

events@wreathsforthefallen.org

Info@wreathsforthefallen.org

Office@wreathsforthefallen.org (John would get these emails)

Support@wreathsforthefallen.org

Carrie@wreathsforthefallen.org

Bob@wreathsforthefallen.org

Ron@wreathsforthefallen.org

John@wreathsforthefallen.org

The above changes are effective immediately.

Meeting night change-we talked about changing the night of our general meetings. Carrie called the VFW in Little Falls to check on the 3rd Tuesday of the month but they were already booked in September and December. We talked about flip/flopping from the 2nd to the 3rd each month. We will bring this up again and any changes will probably happen after the first of the year or after the annual meeting.

V. Next General Meeting

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday August 13th at 6:30 pm at the Little Falls VFW. Please watch your emails for updates and/or changes. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:35.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson

Minutes approved by:

If you have any questions or need any information please log into our web site at www.wreathsforthefallen.org or call John Thomas at 218-829-6622