

# **WreathsForTheFallen.org**

## **August General Meeting Minutes**

**8-13-13**

### **I. Call to Order**

Norv Pervier – Vice President called the August monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org to order on Tuesday night August 13, 2013 at 6:30pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN. John Thomas our president was absent due to illness. Everyone present helped stuff brochures with our new Sponsorship form. Lots of helping hands made the task go really fast.

### **II. Roll Call**

There were 14 members present. Those present were – Jayme Storlie, Norv Pervier, Freddie Barbeau, Ron Robbins, Jerry Ratcliff, Laura Becker-Pallister, Ken & Joyce Tveit, Bill Kokett, Jerry Patten, Jim Parent, Thomas & Doreen Norgren and Carrie Johnson. Everyone in attendance signed in and was entitled to one vote.

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**

Jayme Storlie made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting – Freddie Barbeau seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. All minutes are retained in the minute book and also posted on our web site @ [www.wreathsforthe fallen.org](http://www.wreathsforthe fallen.org).

#### **IV. Treasurers Report**

Our treasurer Ron Robbins gave the treasurer's report.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the checking account balance was \$5,407.08. After paying administration expenses of \$ 754.05 and making a deposit of \$ 162.00 the ending balance at 7-31-13 was \$4,815.03.

Jayme Storlie made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Ken Tveit seconded the motion, motion was passed to accept the treasures report as read.

Ron Robbins submitted the report to Carrie Johnson our secretary.

Contributions to date are \$3,558.92.

#### **V. Old Business**

**Fair Participation: – Clearwater Fair** (Bagley MN) on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Crow Wing County Fair** (Brainerd MN ) on July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Morrison County Fair** (Little Falls MN) Military Appreciation day is August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Benton County Fair** (Sauk Rapids MN) Military Appreciation Day is August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who worked at the fairs, provided booth space, helped load and unload cars, and handed out brochures ! It was felt that all the fairs were successful.

**Minnesota State Fair** (Minneapolis MN) Military Appreciation Day is **Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Norv Pervier has offered to be in charge of organizing this day at the fair. John Thomas has emailed lots of information about the fair, the events and activities, contacts, parking and admission tickets. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Military Appreciation Day and it is with great honor that we have been invited to have a booth. It is also the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the recognition of the Vietnam War. There will be a Vietnam Veteran's Parade at approximately 3:30 pm. **PLEASE CONTACT JOHN THOMAS OR NORV PERVIER IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO BE THERE – OR CONTACT US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE !!**

**This is an amazing opportunity for us to inform people about our mission for wreathsforthefallen.org !!!** Norv Pervier, Jerry Ratcliff and others made final plans for getting into the fair, parking, setting up our booth and tearing down the booth. T-Shirts and name tags are available for all volunteers. Set up is approx. 6:30-8:00 with tear down at 4:00.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES** – The community representative project was discussed. Business cards, name tags and brochures were given to anyone present who had not received them yet. John continues to work on a kit to give each representative so they will be prepared to go out and meet people and inform them about WFTF. 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.

**Mailings** - Mailings are scheduled to go out within the next couple weeks. Lakes Printing is working on the mailings. Discussion did include getting the forms and letters out to the corporate sponsors as they are having meetings reviewing and authorizing with their donations before the end of the year.

**Meeting Day Change** – We discussed changing the meeting night from the second Tuesday night of every month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday night to accommodate other members. We will discuss it at the Officers Meeting and let everyone know if there will be a change. As of right now the VFW is booked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of September and December. Comment was made that we wait till after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year at the annual meeting to change the date since then we could possibly have every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday night available.

#### **VI. New Business**

**Promoting WFTF.org**- Conversation about what to say, how to say it and how to approach people when promoting WFTF.org. Jayme Storlie mentioned that everyone should be talking about the same topics. We may come up with a worksheet or guideline to help everyone who works at fairs, booths or other places where we will be meeting the public. Have our mission statement readily available. A fact sheet was also discussed.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

**The next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm. at the VFW in Little Falls.** The next Officers meeting will be September 3rd, 2013 at the Fort Ripley Steakhouse or via conference call. Please watch for emails regarding any changes to the meeting times or places.

**Everyone is invited to our meetings or participate in the conference call.**

**VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

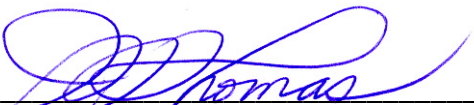
Freddie Barbeau led us in our closing prayer.

Freddie Barbeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry Ratcliff seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

**THANKS FOR COMING TO THE MEETING!**

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary  
WreathsForTheFallen.org

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



John Thomas, President  
WreathsForTheFallen.org

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