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Officers Meeting Minutes

Via: Conference Call

October 29, 2013

I. Call to order

John Thomas called the October officers meeting to order via conference call at 4:05 pm on October 29, 2013. Officers participating were – John Thomas, Norv Pervier, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson and special guest Bob Schule. Bob Schule has been helping us for several years with the Microsoft Access and Excel software that John has been using to post and track contributions we receive. Bob Schule is located in Stacy MN.

II. Minutes from last meeting

Motion was made by Ron Robbins and seconded by Norv to accept the minutes from the last officers meeting held on September 3rd. Motion passed – minutes approved.

III. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins-our treasurer gave his report. At 10-29-13 we had a balance of \$29,069.09 in the checking account. Carrie Johnson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, John Thomas seconded it and the report was approved. Contributions to date are \$ 28,723.92. We are down from the same period last year.

IV. Topics Discussed

Information Service Officer – A new position was created called the Information Service Officer. This person will be in charge of entering, updating, tracking and verifying information regarding contributions and contributors. John Thomas nominated Bob Schule for this position. John Thomas made the motion and it was seconded by Norv Pervier. Motion passes and Bob Schule is our new Information Service Officer. Congratulations Bob!

Wreath Order – The order for wreaths will be increased based on contributions received to date. We are currently 490 wreaths short of reaching our goal.

MediaWorks – John Thomas gave us an update of the Cub Foods advertising program on the food receipts.

Coffee News Flyer – John Thomas talked to us about a new advertising opportunity in the Coffee News Flyer. This is free advertising in a newsletter that is distributed to eating places in the area.

Facebook – We have had a contact on our Facebook Page from a lady in Browerville who would like to help in some way – she would like to be on a committee. John will try to get a hold of her. We still would like to have someone help us with the Facebook Page. Anyone interested ?

Boy Scout Troop 51 – has confirmed that they will be able to help place wreaths this year.

Red Bull Wreath – Discussion included the design of the Red Bull Memorial Wreath and also a generic type wreath that could be used by other groups at the Memorial Day Wreath presentation.

Radio Interviews – John Thomas has various interviews scheduled for the upcoming weeks. WDAY in Fargo has invited John to speak. The gentleman that operates the radio station was present at the Camp Ripley Open House and is a Veteran. On 11-8-13 John will be on the KKIN Radio Station in Aitkin MN.

WCCO Television – The Brainerd Civil Air Patrol and WreathsForTheFallen will have an interview with Mike Brinkley from the WCCO Television station. They will meet at the Camp Ripley Cemetery. Program is scheduled to air on Sunday night 10pm news, November 10th on a program called Finding Minnesota.

Refreshments at the Wreath Laying Ceremony – We are in need of someone to plan for refreshments on Saturday December 14th for the wreath laying ceremony. Cal & Cindy Wolf from Bikers With Big Hearts will not be able to provide this wonderful service for us this year as they have moved to Arizona. In years past they have provided coffee and cookies. We will greatly miss them. Anyone willing to help out should contact John Thomas at 218-829-6622.

V. Next General Meeting

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th at 6:30 pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN. This meeting will be the last one before the December meeting. Please watch your emails for updates and/or changes. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Next officers meeting will be on November 26th.

December General Meeting and the Section Leaders Meeting will hopefully be on the same day – Saturday December 7th at the Canteen in Camp Ripley. This would save a lot of driving and also having an extra meeting. **This meeting would be at 11:00 am. All section leaders should be there to go over final plans for the wreath laying ceremony.**

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bob Schule and seconded by Carrie Johnson - Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary

Minutes approved by:



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

Please note some changes in our contact information:

Our phone # is 218-829-6622

Our current email addresses are:

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The above changes are effective immediately.