

# WreathsForTheFallen.org

## **Officers Meeting via Conference Call**

**February 27, 2014**

The February Officers meeting was held via a conference call on Thursday February 27<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The conference call originated at 2:00 and was called to order at 2:02 pm. by our President John Thomas.

There were 6 members participating in the call which included - John Thomas, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson, Norville Pervier, Bob Larson and Bob Schule.

**Minutes from the Last Officers Meeting**-The last Officers meeting was on January 21, 2014 which was also a conference call. Those minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurers and Contributions Report** – Ron Robbins was calling in from a remote location and was not able to have his report with him and will email it to Carrie when he gets back to his desk. Contributions to date are \$2,656.25 compared to \$271.00 in 2013. John and Bob Schule are still maintaining a very detailed spreadsheets on all contributions received.

**2014 Budget** – Ron Robbins had received some pricing for our mailings this year. It is expected to be a 5% increase over 2013. He also commented on some estimated pricing received from the CPA firm in regards to record keeping costs in the years ahead. That email will be sent to all officers for their consideration.

**Meeting with David Swantek** - John Thomas gave us an update from his meeting with David Swantek from the State Veterans Cemetery at Camp Ripley. David was very pleased at how the wreath laying ceremony went this year and would like WFTF.org to maybe take over more responsibilities on that day to help manage the event. John will continue to visit with David to confirm what we could all do for him. They also discussed the progress at the State cemetery that is being built in Preston MN. WFTF.org will have a presence there and we will be kept abreast at all developments throughout the year.

**Memorial Wreath Cabinet** – Everyone agreed that the cabinet that was built to store the Memorial Wreaths was built very good and will be a great place to store the wreaths. The cost was minimal and the funds were taken out of the Memorial Wreath account. Thanks to everyone who help design and build the storage unit!

**Hay hooks** – WFTF.org has purchased 25 ‘hay hooks’ to be used to remove the wreaths from the grave sites in February of each year. The hooks were purchased in bulk so the pricing was reasonable. They are 18” long and should greatly help in removing the wreaths. They will be painted with a bright color and stored in a container every year.

**Annual Meeting** – We talked about different options about when and where to have the Annual Meeting this year. Because of the frigid winter we are looking at having it this spring when more people would be able to attend. A picnic was one option in May – maybe on Memorial Day weekend. More planning needs to be done and emails will be sent out when plans have been made.

**Monthly general meetings** – We discussed the necessity of having monthly meetings. Some ideas were not to have meetings during the winter months and start having the meetings in April or May. So many people can’t get around in the snow and cold and many leave the State for warmer climates. Emails will be sent out with any notices of meetings dates, locations and times. The March 11<sup>th</sup> general meeting that was planned has been canceled. Officers meetings will still be held each month.

**Officers Meeting** – The next Officers meeting will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is most likely be a conference call. If anyone has any concerns they can call John Thomas and it will be addressed at the officers meetings.

**Missing WreathsForTheFallen Banner** – We are still trying to locate one of our banners. If anyone might know where it may be please give John a call at 218-829-6622.

**Meeting Adjourned:** This Officers Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. Conference call ended.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary

Minutes accepted by:  \_\_\_\_\_

John Thomas, President

Please call John Thomas at 218-829-6622 if you have any questions or concerns about the meeting or any other questions you may have regarding WreathsForTheFallen.org.