

# **WreathsForTheFallen.org**

## **Monthly Officers Meeting**

**9-23-14**

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

John Thomas our President called the Officers meeting to order at 12:50 pm on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 at the Fort Steak House in Fort Ripley MN.

### **II. Roll Call**

All officers were present - John Thomas, Ron Robbins, Norv Pervier, & Carrie Johnson.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Motion was made by John Thomas to approve the minutes from the last meeting that had been posted on our web site @ [www.wreathsforthefallen.org](http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org).

### **IV. Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer, Ron Robbins gave the treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2014. The beginning balance in the general account on August 1<sup>st</sup> was \$6,115.98 and after paying administration expenses of \$625.08 and making deposits of \$9,664.93 the ending balance on August 31, 2014 was \$15,155.83. Ron has been giving monthly treasurers reports at the monthly Officers meetings and all reports are maintained by Ron Robbins and submitted to Carrie Johnson to become part of the records. John Thomas made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was approved as read by everyone present.

**Contributions and Sponsorships** – Total contributions to date (9-23-14) are \$22,001.25 compared to \$21,173.92 at 9-30-13.

John Thomas maintains a complete spreadsheet of all contributions.

It was noted that all contributions of \$250.00 or more will get a receipt mailed to them to comply with IRS regulations. Thanks to everyone who has donated already – it is greatly appreciated!

## **V. Topics Discussed**

**County Fairs** – We talked about the county fairs that we attended and talked about if it was worth it to be at the fairs. Hard to get volunteers and some other concerns were raised. We will discuss this at other meetings to get more input.

**Cemetery Expansion** – John gave us an update on the Veterans Cemetery in Preston MN. The name of that cemetery will be **Southeastern MN State Veterans Cemetery**. We discussed what we will need to do once the Preston Cemetery is finished and burials begin which will be in 2015. The address of that cemetery will be 715 Hwy 52 E Preston MN 55965  
WFTF.org will supply wreaths to everyone buried there and local groups will lay the wreaths. A group from that area will join us at our ceremony on December 13 to see what is all involved with the ceremony and wreath laying.  
The cemetery that is being planned for the Duluth area will be called the **Northeastern MN State Veterans Cemetery**. The exact location has not yet been determined. They are still in the planning stages.

**Preston Cemetery** – the officers discussed making a road trip down to Preston to see the progress of the new cemetery and to meet with interested people in the area. The grounds are in process with much of the work completed or near completion. John has been communicating with members of the American Legion in that area to keep them up to date on the progress and also our plans for our ceremony in December. A couple of dates that could work are October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. If those dates don't work we may look at other dates later in the year.

**December 13<sup>th</sup> Wreath Laying Ceremony** – Plans are coming together for this year's ceremony. The Master of Ceremony has been determined along with many of the wreath presenters. We will be meeting with the Brainerd and Saint Cloud CAP to review that plans for that day as well. We will also be able to have TAPS played as part of the ceremony. Should be a very special ceremony!

**Cub Foods Receipt Coupons** – We decided that we would not advertise on the back side of the cash register receipts at Cub Foods.

**Wreath Procurement** – John Thomas and Bob Larson are making plans to meet with the wreath providers to get pricing and contracts for wreaths this year.

**Office Max** – We have set up an account with the office supply store Office Max.

**MN STATE FAIR Recap** – A great time was had at the MN State Fair on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 16 people who volunteered their time to help spread the word about WFTF.org. From the planning to the set up to tear down everyone chipped in and everything went very well. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. It was a gorgeous day and many people stopped at our booth.

**VI. Date to Remember**

**Wreath Laying Ceremony – SATURDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM.**

The Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony for 2014 will be held on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Please mark your calendars! Please watch for updates and attend meetings and/or conference calls if possible. WFTF.org will have many new jobs this year and everyone's help is appreciated.

**VII. Next Meeting**

**A date for the next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org was not set at this time. A conference call may be arranged. John Thomas will send out any information regarding upcoming meetings.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary  
WreathsForTheFallen.org

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Thomas, President  
WreathsForTheFallen.org

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