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Officers Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2019

I. Call to order

John Thomas, President called the Officers meeting to order at 1:25pm at the Culvers Restaurant in St Cloud MN. Carl Bates provided our opening prayer.

II. Roll call

There were 7 members present, John Thomas, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson, Bob & Becky Schule and Carl & Diann Bates.

III. Approval of minutes from December Meeting

Minutes from the General Membership meeting which was held on December 18, 2018 at the Fort Steakhouse were reviewed and approved. John Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Ron Robbins seconded the motion. All in favor- the motion passed. The minutes were posted on our web site. There will be some changes made to the WFTF By Laws and John will do that.

IV. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins, treasurer – submitted his reports for the month ending June 30th, 2019. Main checking account had a balance of \$139,767.16. Savings Account balance was \$17,994.96, Preston Account balance was \$7,696.65, Duluth Account had \$8,031.30 and the South West Account had \$8,031.30. Bob Schule made a motion to accept report as read – Carl Bates seconded it. Ron submitted his report to Carrie Johnson.

V. Health Concerns

John Thomas gave everyone an update on his health conditions and stated he has been feeling much better. Jerry Ratcliff has had some eye issues and he is also feeling and seeing much better. Prayers for both of them for continued improvement.

VI. Mailings and Brochures

The brochures will not have any changes on them at this time. We will be ordering approximately 6500. John & Bob continue to work on the spreadsheet and the process of posting payments received. The ID numbers are working well and helping the process go more smoothly.

VII. Resignation

We discussed the possibility that Bob Larson will be resigning as our Wreath Procurement Officer – a position he has held for many years. Bob needs to have a couple surgeries and Bob & his wife Denise travel out of State for the winter months. Becky Schule has offered to help out with that position if necessary. She is familiar with our ceremony and has also visited the Mickman facility.

VIII. Computer Updates and Purchases

John and Bob have been working on updating our computer hardware for several months – no purchases have been made yet. Laptops are also being considered for upgrades and they are basically obsolete.

Bob Schule gave a small presentation on his laptop as to the new program he and John have created for entering in data and tracking donations and sponsorships. We will soon have a 'WEB Based' data base which will be easier to maintain and easier for Officers to access.

John updated us on the problems with our Web Page. Some access to our Web Page has been unsuccessful. John has contacted WeLikelt – our web page provider and John is working on solving the issue.

IX. 2019 Wreath Ceremony

We talked briefly about the 2019 Wreath Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday December 14th – the 2nd Saturday in December. John will line up everyone for the ceremony. We will again need an iPad for the information desk. He has also acquired several more 2 Way radios which will be very helpful at the ceremony. We are in need of a Hospitality Vehicle if anyone is interested. We will have more discussion as we get closer to the event date.

X. IT Consultant Position

John has been in touch with Jim Kingsley for some necessary IT work and Jim has agreed to be a consultant for WFTF with its IT questions and concerns. John made a motion to accept Jim Kingsley as our IT Consultant, Ron Robbins seconded the motion and everyone approved the motion. Jim can be reached at Office@wreathforthefallen.org or 218-270-3070 (WFTF office #)

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky Schule and seconded by Diann Bates. Carl Bates provided a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary

Minutes approved by: _____

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to check out our web site:
www.wreathsforthefallen.org .

2019 Wreath Ceremony will be December 14th at 11:00 am

(The 2rd Saturday of December)

Please mark you calendars!