

# ***WreathsForTheFallen.org***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

February 8, 2011

### **I. Call to order**

John Thomas called the regular meeting for the WreathsForTheFallen.org to order on February 8, 2011 at 6:35 pm at the VFW in Little Falls, MN.

### **II. Roll call**

A sign in sheet was passed around and signed. There were 16 members present. Norv Pervier, Ken & Joyce Tveit, Bob & Denise Larson, Bill & Fran Kokett, John Thomas, Ron Robbins, Jayme Storlie, Rick & Carrie Johnson, Carl & Diann Bates, Freddie Barbeau and Lydia Sasse. It was noted that Jim Parent could not attend this meeting because his Mother had passed away. Everyone present signed a slip of paper to be sent along with a sympathy card for Jim. We also shared a moment of silence to remember Jim & his Mother in our prayers.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Carrie Johnson – secretary - passed out several copies of the minutes from the last meeting that was held at the VFW in Little Falls, MN on 1-11-11. The minutes had also been emailed to members whose email addresses were on file. The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Diann Bates to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Lydia Sasse. Minutes were approved.

### **IV. Treasurers Report**

Treasurers report was read by Ron Robbins, treasurer. He presented a list of bills to be paid – appx \$ 200.00. Jayme Storlie made a motion to pay the bills, motion was seconded by Lydia, motion to approve paying the bills was passed. It was noted that the checking account is officially set up for the WreathsForTheFallen.org. Diann made a motion to pay the bills when they come due rather than wait for meetings to get approval – after some discussion Jayme made a motion to pay expenses of up to \$ 200.00 / month without approval – Norv seconded – after more discussion the motion was amended to read as follows : Treasurer has authority to pay expenses of up to \$ 200.00 / month without approval. Any expenses more than \$200.00 but less the \$400.00 needs the approval from the Officers and any expenses over \$ 400.00 needs to be approved by the Board of Directors at the meeting following receipt of the bill. This amended motion was made by John Thomas and seconded by Norv Pervier. Motion carried.

V. **Old Business**

John Thomas presented a recap of the laying of the wreaths project 2010. There were 1492 wreaths laid at the cemetery on 12-4-10. Next year's date will be 12-10-11. Thanks were once again extended to everyone for everything that was done to make the project so successful.

VI. **Committee Reports**

Norv Pervier gave the committee report for the **Commercial Contributions Committee**. He reported that he was busy and that he could use some help going through the envelopes and documenting names and addresses from the mail received in November and December. Lydia Sasse said she would help. They will set up a time and place to get together. He also talked about approaching VFW's and Legions about this year's project. Mailings, postage rates, bulk mailing options and mailing permits were addressed.

Bob Larson gave the committee report for the **Wreaths Procurement Committee**. He had received some costs from Mykel @ Ericksons Greenhouse for the wreaths. He mentioned that Mykel would make a commitment for 3000 wreaths this year. Bob had talked to Mykel about volunteer help, costs, supply, labor, storage and delivery of the wreaths to the cemetery. Discussion included trying to keep purchases local. The logistics of possibly having 4000 wreaths to deal with was also discussed.

John Thomas gave the committee report for the **Web Site Committee**. John handed out a copy of the current web site layout and blueprint design for everyone to see. Comments and suggestions followed. Patrick Item had asked for memorabilia for the web page. Things needed were CAP logo, donation area, Pay Pal option, comment section, members section. John and Lydia will meet with Patrick and continue to finalize the web site.

VII. **Open issues and New Business**

Promotion of WreathsForTheFallen.org was brought up. Jayme Storlie mentioned having booths at fairs and participating in local parades. Advertising items such as key chains, items with embroidered logos and other popular items were discussed. Bob & Diane Larson checked into possibly participating in meat raffles. They presented some information from the Eagles Club in St Cloud about raffles to be held in July. We had lots of good ideas from everyone and we will have more discussion at later dates.

The possibility of setting up a **Membership Committee** was addressed. As the organization grows this committee may become necessary but at this time we are working with the committees already in place.

Forming a 501 ( c ) (3) nonprofit organization was again discussed. Several contributors, PAY PAL and the State of MN have all inquired as to if we were a nonprofit organization with this status.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next general monthly meeting will be at the VFW in Little Falls on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Jayne Storlie and Bill & Fran Kokett asked to be excused from the meeting due to conflicts.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us ! It would be great to see more people at our meetings. If they can't come to the meeting please share with them information about our organization and let them know they are welcome anytime !

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Diann Bates and seconded by Norv Pervier.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary

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

***Remember - - "It's not about Us – It's about Them"***