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Officers Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2011

I. Call to order

John Thomas called the officers meeting to order at 2:00pm at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley MN.

II. Roll call

Officers were present, John Thomas, Bob Larson and Carrie Johnson.

III. Open Issues

Wreath Procurement Committee had a short meeting before the officers meeting. Bob Larson, Bill & Fran Kokett were present and gave us an update of the progress being made on securing pricing and delivery for the wreaths. Mykel was not present but had talked with Bob and he indicated that he would be able to handle as many wreaths as we needed. We still need to firm up delivery options and exact pricing with Mykel. Storage of the wreaths was also discussed. It was noted that the cutoff date for wreaths from Wreaths Across America was the day after Thanksgiving which would be 11-25-11. Mickman Brothers out of Mpls is another good possibility for getting the wreaths. They are a major supplier of wreaths. Their pricing is appx \$9.99 - \$10.13. Bob was going to check into the shipping costs / bulk shipping / per wreath or bulk – sometime within the next couple weeks.

John gave us an update on our web site. It is basically good to go with a few glitches that are being worked out. A few adjustments were made to the Membership area to make it more user friendly. John commented on the electronic payment part of the process and the automatic processing charges accessed by PayPal for each transaction. We still need to meet with Bob Shole about working with the Microsoft Access program to keep track of all donations we receive and to be able to document all the necessary information.

The timing of mailing out the information and donation request forms and letters to the VFW's and the American Legion's was discussed. Mail them now, after the 4th of July, August – we tried to figure out the best mailing date. The envelopes are ready to go at this time.

Bob Larson presented some information about an invite we received to do a presentation at the VFW in Cold Spring MN. This is a regional meeting for Eastern Stearns County and they would like us to be at the meeting. This would be a very good meeting for wreathsforthe fallen and John Thomas agreed to

prepare a presentation. THANK YOU JOHN !!! Bob Larson will also be attending that meeting. The meeting will be on July 12th in Cold Spring.

We talked about the Morrison County Fair and the Crow Wing County Fair. We have options to 'piggy back' at other VFW / American Legion booths at both fairs. We just need people to man the booths to hand out literature and speak to visitors at the booth. A signup sheet will be available at the next general meeting (6-14-11 in Brainerd), The signup sheet may also be sent out via email to get more members involved. Hopefully we will get lots of people who can take some time to work at the fairs. Another great opportunity to inform the communities about wreathsforthe fallen.org !

The Crow Wing County Fair – in Brainerd – runs from August 2nd – 6th.
The Morrison County Fair – in Little Falls – runs from August 11th – 14th.
The fair hours run from 10:00am to 10:00 pm.

They are 2 meat raffles coming up on Friday July 8th and Friday July 22nd in St Cloud at the St Cloud American Legion. This legion is located north of Division Street over the bridge on the west side. Bob & Denise Larson have the information and would like some help in working at these meat raffles. You can contact Bob Larson for more information. His phone # is 320-240-9508 or his email is bob4@jetup.net.

John talked about the brochures he had made up. They turned out very nice and will be wonderful to hand out at the fairs and other events. He also purchased some holders for the brochures that can be taken to various locations. An excellent way to spread the word !

IV. Next meeting time & place

No other officers meetings were scheduled at this time. The next general meeting is set for June 14th at 6:30 at the American Legion in Brainerd. The general meeting that would normally take place in July may be canceled due to conflicts with the presentation at the Cold Spring VFW - that falls on the 2nd Tuesday of the month also.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson

Minutes approved by : _____