

# **WreathsForTheFallen.org**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2012**

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

The June meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org was called to order by President, John Thomas on Tuesday June 12th, 2012 at 6:45 pm at the VFW in Little Falls, MN.

### **II. Roll call**

There were 11 members present. A sign in sheet was passed around for everyone to sign which also made them eligible to vote. Those present were, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson, John Thomas, Jim Parent, Norv Pervier, Ken & Joyce Tveit, Bob (Fuzzy) Christen, Bob Larson, Bill & Fran Kokett. The sign in sheet was passed around as all members present were busy stuffing our new brochures with the white insert. We stuffed 2400 brochures. John informed us that there were 3 more cases of brochures to put the inserts in yet. We would appreciate anyone helping us with this project – like one of our mottos, **“MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK”** It was great to see everyone helping out.

### **Opening Prayer /Pledge of Allegiance –**

Pledge of allegiance was recited at the end of the meeting instead of the closing prayer. All members were busy ‘stuffing’ brochures so we all agreed to continue with the meeting.

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

Minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting were available for everyone to review. The minutes had also been emailed to everyone on our email list. There were no questions or concerns – Bob Larson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Norville Pervier seconded the motion. Motion was approved by everyone present. Copies of the minutes are always posted on our web page at: [www.wreathsforthefallen.org](http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org).

### **IV. Treasurers Report**

Ron Robbins, treasurer – presented his report. He reported that the beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup> was \$ 1,427.81, after paying expenses of \$ 1,014.45 and making deposits of \$ 904.70 there was a balance of \$ 1,318.06 in the checkbook at 5-30-12. Payment for the brochures of \$844.70 was taken out of the savings account at the Deerwood Bank – leaving a balance in our savings account of \$4,155.92.

## V. Committee Reports

**Wreath Procurement Committee** – Bob Larson, chairperson for the committee, had no new news to report.

We did however; get an update on the Memorial Replacement Wreaths Project, and John shared with us the logo's that he had received for the various branches of the military. They were beautiful and will look very nice in the new wreaths that we are planning on making and have finished by next year at the Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery. These wreaths will replace many of the ceremonial wreaths that the cemetery has been using for years and are in need of repair.

**Web Site Committee** – John Thomas gave us an update on the activity on the web page. John needs some help with updating and keeping the web page current. Anyone who would like to help John should contact him at [wreathsforthefallen@charter.net](mailto:wreathsforthefallen@charter.net) or call him at 218-829-6622. We could use help posting events, rearranging the web site contents and just keeping everything current. Any help would be appreciated.

**Contributions Committee** – Norv Pervier, chairman of the committee, gave an update on his contacts and work during the last month. He has been out handing out brochures and writing letters to various businesses in the area – including the VFW Auxiliary, VFW Posts, and Gambling Managers at the various VFW's. He encouraged all of us to get out there and get some donations!

**Other Committees** – We still have not formally formed any additional committees at this time, basically because of the lack of time and lack of any volunteers stepping forward. Some of the committees that we are looking at may be an Event Committee, Advertising / Communications Committee, and a Cemetery Committee. We talked about making up a list of duties and things that the committee would be responsible for and asking for volunteers. We will ask everyone to watch their emails for more information about volunteering for any of these committees. Our new saying this year is “**Many Hands Make For Light Work.**” And – we are looking for a few more hands!

## VI. Old Business

**Facebook** – Anyone interested in helping out with our Facebook page should contact John Thomas at 218-829-6622. We are still looking for someone to help. You can do it from your computer – a very easy way to volunteer and help out !

**Meat Raffles** – Bob Larson has lined up a meat raffle to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 – a Friday night – at the East Side VFW in St Cloud! They will do all the work – we just need to show up and have a presence! Anyone looking for something to do that night please feel free to go to the VFW! We will be handing out brochures and helping with the meat raffle and they will be making a donation to WreathsForTheFallen! How good is that! Please give Bob Larson a call at

320-240-9508 if you would like more information and/or help in organizing a raffle. We would like to have meat raffles anywhere in the area – so please let us know if you know of any VFW, Eagles Club, bar or restaurant that might be interested and we will line something up. We have had a lot of fun at the raffles and the donations are very welcome.

## **VII. New Business**

**Cemetery Growth and Progress** – John Thomas updated us on the expansion of the State cemetery and future cemetery's planned for Minnesota. Projects are to begin in July.

**County Fairs - Crow** Wing County Fair is July 31 – August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Morrison County Fair is August 9<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed the possibility of having booths at both of these fairs but there was not a lot of interest – mainly because it takes a lot of time and we did not have a lot of volunteers last year to cover all the time slots that needed to be assigned. Everyone agreed that we should have a presence at the fairs but it is hard to cover all the hours and days with just a few people. ANYONE willing to spend some time at either of the fairs should call John Thomas. Joyce Tveit did offer to get some information for the Morrison County fair – she will bring it to the next meeting – **THANK YOU JOYCE!**

**OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS** – Please log onto our web site at [www.Wreathsforthefallen.org](http://www.Wreathsforthefallen.org) to see more events posted.

**ADDITIONAL WFTF CHAPTERS** – We did not have enough time to discuss our future meeting locations and maybe forming new chapters – but this is still a topic of discussion..

## **VIII. Next Meeting**

The next general meeting will be on Tuesday night – July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the VFW in Little Falls. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to come to one of our meetings.

## **IX. Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Instead of a closing prayer we all stood, faced an American flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

*I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America, And to the republic, for which it stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.*

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Larson, seconded by Ron Robbins. Motion passed - meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO OUR MEETING!!  
IT WAS A GREAT MEETING.**

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary

Minutes approved by:



Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us at our meetings and share our web site: [www.wreathsforthefallen.org](http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org) .

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