

WreathsForTheFallen.org

July Meeting Minutes

7-10-12

I. Call to Order

The July meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org was called to order by President, John Thomas on Tuesday July 10th 2012 at 6:40pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN.

II. Roll Call

There were 10 members present – John Thomas, Ken & Joyce Tveit, Carrie Johnson, Ron Robbins, Freddie Barbeau, Jerry Ratcliff, Bob Larson, Amanda Stone and Jim Parent. Everyone in attendance signed the sign-in sheet and were able to vote on any issues that would be presented at the meeting.

After the call to order we all joined in reciting 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.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the June meeting - that was held on June 10, 2012 were presented for approval. Everyone had a copy to review. No changes or concerns were brought forward so Bob Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jerry Ratcliff seconded the motion, the motion was approved by everyone and became part of the records. The minutes will be posted on our web site at www.wreathsforthefallen.org.

IV. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance on June 1st was \$ 1318.06. After paying expenses of \$145.85 and making a deposit of \$ 598.52 the ending balance at 6-30-12 was \$1,770.73. Bob Larson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as given, Jim Parent seconded it, and motion was approved and submitted for the records.

V. Committee Reports

Wreath Procurement Committee – Bob Larson – chairperson – no new news to report.

Web Site Committee – John Thomas – chairperson – reported that he is still very busy with the web site. He reported that there were over 83 events posted on our web page!! John requested additional help since there are many things to update and keep current. Joyce Tveit offered to volunteer more of her time to help John enter and update our web site. THANK YOU JOYCE!! She has been a tremendous volunteer for WreathsForTheFallen. Earlier in the evening she was also putting the inserts into our new brochure. THANKS AGAIN JOYCE – and to ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS – this organization would not be here if it were not for the volunteers! We are looking for more volunteers so if anyone is interested please let John or any member know what you can help us with. John shared with us the thank you he received from David Swantek-the Camp Ripley cemetery director – from the Memorial Day service. David was extremely happy and proud of what we have all done at the cemetery.

Contributions Committee – Norv Pervier – chairperson - was not present at the meeting as he was traveling out of state. Joyce Tveit presented a very nice typed record of the contacts she had made over the last several weeks. She made contacts for the Morrison County Fair, Coborns grocery store in Little Falls, various TV stations, care centers and she has also been updating the American Legion Post information. She has done a tremendous job promoting WFTF. Bob Larson reported that the meat raffle at the St Cloud East Side VFW went very well and we will receive a donation of \$225.00! Thanks to everyone who was at the meat raffle and shared our mission of WFTF with those present. We also received a very nice donation from our friends at Eagle Bend. Thanks to our group of friends down there – we are so grateful for your generosity!

Other Committees – we discussed setting up more committees to help out this year. We still need many volunteers to make things easier for the small group of volunteers that we do have. Our goals and our mission keeps expanding and we need more help to get everything done this year. Please call John Thomas or email us if you would be interested.

VI. Old Business

Facebook – we are still searching for someone to maintain our Facebook page. Anyone familiar with Facebook and willing to update and maintain our page should let John know at 218-829-6622.

Twitter – If anyone is familiar with Twitter and would like to help us become part of Twitter please contact John Thomas at 218-829-6622.

Fairs – We will not be at the Crow Wing County Fair this year since we did not have any volunteers come forward to help ‘man’ the booth. This was very disappointing but we need to have someone present at the fair if we are going to have a booth set up there. Maybe next year!

The Morrison County Fair will run from August 9th – August 12th. Joyce Tveit has been in contact with Norma Hudson – the manager of the Fair – and she has made arrangements for WFTF to have members present to hand out brochures on August 9th which is Military Appreciation Day. Any member can go to the fair and help hand our brochures and meet and greet the military that will be there. Thanks to Ron Robbins for making up a batch of our 3” WFTF badges so all the volunteers can be identified.

VII. New Business

Wreath Replacement Project – John Thomas, gave us an update of the Memorial Wreath Project. Amanda Stone who works for Erickson’s Greenhouse was present and let us know that they have been working on this project and she will get more information before our next meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped with this wreath project! John also shared some information regarding the logos and designs for the various branches of the military. He has been doing a lot of research and has acquired some beautiful – very detailed – shield’s to be used on the wreaths. They will be beautiful when they are all completed.

Mailings – We discussed our mailing dates and forms. We got some extremely good pricing from Lakes Printing to do our printing, stuffing, and mailing for our letters this year. We are planning on doing a mass mailing in August and another one to another group in September. Thanks to Lakes Printing for their outstanding pricing!

VIII. Upcoming Events –

Morrison County Fair – August 9th - August 12th HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

IX. Next Meeting

The next Officers meeting will be on 7-24-12 at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley at 2:00.

Next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org will be on Tuesday, August 14th 2012 at 6:30 pm in Little Falls MN at the VFW. Everyone is welcome to come.

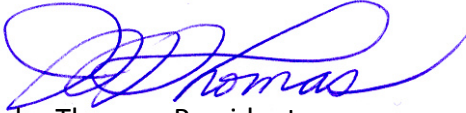
X. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Closing Prayer was given by Freddie Barbeau .

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Freddie Barbeau and seconded by Jerry Ratcliff. Everyone was in favor so meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary
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Minutes approved by:


John Thomas, President
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