

# ***WreathsForTheFallen.org***

## ***Officers Meeting Minutes***

August 28, 2012

### I. Call to order

John Thomas called the August officers meeting to order at 2:10 pm at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley MN. Officers present were – John Thomas, Bob Larson, and Carrie Johnson. Ron Robbins was not feeling good.

### II. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins will give his report at the next general meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### III. Topics of Discussion

**Donations** – Bob Larson let us know about the Vietnam Vets pig roast. It will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:30 pm. at the Sauk Rapids VFW. The pig that will be roasted is one that had been donated to us and we in turn donated it to the Vietnam Vets organization as we were not set up to do a raffle or a roast at this time. Bob also commented that he would enjoy doing more meat raffles and would like some of our members to let him know of places where they could be held.

**Memorial Day Wreath Project** – John talked to us about the progress on the wreaths. He had picked up 1 wreath from Erickson's Greenhouse. Amber at the greenhouse has been working on the project. John also had talked to Action Graphics about the center plaques for the wreaths. He had the wreath and some of the plaques to show us.

**Events** – No events that we would be participating in were discussed – Joyce will be going to Coborn's with the stand when she is able.

**Mailings** – John informed us that he had sent out a mailing on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will all be patiently waiting for the results to come in. Our mailing and our donations are behind of last year's – so we are hoping the mailing will bring our donations up to or better than it was at this time last year.

John also updated us on the progress at Lakes Printing for the printing, assembling the mailing of the letters and sponsorship forms, and the postage as a 'package' deal. And what a deal they gave us!! Very amazing!

**Facebook** – John let us know that Amber has been working on our Facebook page and he has been talking with her as to what she should/could post. Thanks so much to Amber for offering to help out!!

**Contributions to Date** – John will have an updated list at the general meeting.

**Wreath Ceremony – BIG NEWS – THE DATE OF THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> THIS YEAR. This year ONLY the wreath laying ceremony will NOT be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of December – it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – December 15<sup>th</sup>!!!!** This is a national change of date with the Wreaths Across America and we will change our date to coincide with the National Ceremony - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALANDERS!!!!

**WREATHS** – Bob Larson reported that he has been in touch with Mickman Brothers regarding the wreaths for this year. Bob & John may go down to their facility again this year. They need to give us their current pricing and schedule for this year. John will also be in touch with Mykel from Erickson's Greenhouse to check on his current pricing and completion schedule.

**Community Representative** – we discussed the possibility of having a representative from several communities to head up our presence within each county within the State of MN. We are going to get a list of counties and see if we can get at least 1 person to become involved with our project and help us to communicate with others in the State and also help with fundraising etc. We will discuss this again to see if we can work something out like this.

#### **IV. Next General Meeting**

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday September 11, 2012th at 6:30 pm at the Little Falls VFW. All are welcome.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting - Carrie seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 3:21pm.

If you have any questions or need any information please log into our web site at [www.wreathsforthe fallen.org](http://www.wreathsforthe fallen.org) or call John Thomas at 218-829-6622.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson

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

