

WreathsForTheFallen.org

Officers Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2012

I. Call to Order

John Thomas called the December officers meeting for the WreathsForTheFallen.org to order at 12:20 pm at the Fort Steakhouse in Fort Ripley MN. Officers present – John Thomas, President, Bob Larson, Vice President, Ron Robbins, Treasurer, Carrie Johnson, Secretary was absent due to illness.

II. Treasurers Report

Ron Robbins did not give an official report – he will do so at the next general meeting. He did however report that all bank deposits have been made in a timely manor. The PayPal account will be transferred to the bank effective Monday December 31st. Total year ending accounting will be available at the next general meeting scheduled for January 8, 2013.

III. Topics Discussed

- Considering the poor weather conditions on December 15th, the Remembrance Ceremony and wreaths placement honoring our countries fallen veterans and their families went very well. Every grave received the honors and a wreath. A few extra wreaths will be used for any interments' in December and January. Everyone that has been involved in any way during the year in the planning should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. A great example of community teamwork and fellowship.
- A number of E-Mails have been received expressing thanks and gratitude for everyone's efforts in this most rewarding project.
- It was recommended we designate \$8,000 as a general expenditures budget amount for 2013.
- Special budget account for the development of a possible WreathsForTheFallen.org charter operation at the new upcoming Preston, Minnesota Veterans Cemetery.
- A budget account for the replacement of the 20+ year old Memorial Day Ceremonial wreaths for the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery.
- A budget account for the development of Community representative's in the outlying towns and communities.
- John reported the new office computer installation and transitioning is going well. A few final items to install and we will soon be fully operational. Wal-Mart gave us a \$200 discount and

our non-profit status allowed us to obtain a new I5 computer with a 1tb drive and 8 GB of memory along with a new Windows operating system and networking at a net cost of \$500.

- John asked Bob Larson to contact the appropriate people at the Minnesota and national Patriot guard to clarify the possible misunderstanding of the use of the Patriot Guard logo on our web site and other literature.
- Bob Larson is continuing to finalize arrangements for our annual meeting to be held in March. Exact date and time to be announced as soon as details have been arranged. The March annual meeting will also be the time for officer elections. Bob indicated that due to a number of time consuming conflicting activities he would prefer to relinquish his position as Vice President but continue to be active.
- The date of February 2nd 2013 was confirmed for the wreaths to be removed from the cemetery at 10:00 am subject to weather conditions at that time.

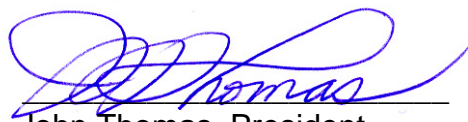
Sick & distressed: Carrie Johnson, Rick Johnson's brother Doug, Jerry Ratcliff, his wife and son, and Freddie Barbeau.

IV. **General Meeting** – The next general meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the VFW in Little Falls MN. This is a regular scheduled meeting.

Officers Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: John Thomas in the absence of Carrie Johnson.

Minutes approved by:


John Thomas, President