

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center (AFRCC)

Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2013

Member Attendance:

	Bob B		Kory D		Scott F		Gaylen
X	Jim R	X	Ron S	X	Don G	X	Randy P
X	Susan M		Bruce N	X	Brad R		Mark S
	Gail G	X	Denise B		Bryce		Dan J
	Kathy R		Scott G		Lindy		Kevin G
X	Jim J	X	Erven S		Carol Ann S	X	Greg A
X	April T		Bob F	X	Mary F	X	Carol A
X	John T	X	Curtis A	X	Bob F		Kathy A
X	Dave R	X	Sgt. Mark S		Ed M		Dennis A
X	Kathy M						

Agenda Item	Motions/Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 19:02 by Vice Chair Susan M.
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:04
Guest Introduction	Members and guests were introduced.	
Guest	Sgt. Mark S gave an update on the deployment ceremony – March 3 rd Deployment Ceremony – strict protocols to be held at the Cambridge-Isanti High School (tentative). A BYR representative will speak.	
Secretary Report	Minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting were distributed by e-mail on January 16, 2013.	Motion: To accept the December Task Force minutes as presented. Hearing no discussion, a motion was made by Jim J and seconded by Brad and minutes were unanimously approved.
Treasurer Report	Income and expenses reviewed by Jim R. Balance on hand of \$33,560.24 Expenses and revenue reviewed by Jim R.	Motion: To approve the Treasurers Report, hearing no discussion a motion was made by Mary F and seconded by Gail G and the motion was unanimously approved.
Committee Reports:	<p>Website Committee: Scott F. home with the flu. Scott provided his report via e-mail. 314 Likes on Facebook; 4569 total hits; BYR Friends are all updated; OnCall Moving added; Star 95 Thank You posted. A Twitter Tweet was sent re: Owls Military Appreciation Night.</p> <p>Billboard Committee: Gaylen not present. No report given.</p> <p>Friends of BYR & Resource/Brochure Committee: Denise B reported that she and Jim updated brochure – Review of draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Name • New e-mail address • Added info on Veteran Crisis Line <p>There was discussion about 24 hour line. Exec. Comm. will discuss.</p> <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group: April & John Thomas reported that they have new</p>	

	<p>names and no packages were sent this last mo. Would like to get cards to families of the soldiers who will deploy in March.</p> <p>Community Resource Coordinator: No report.</p> <p>Congregational Committee: Curt A. reported: Curt and Carol met with the 850th company commander. Sent an e-mail to company Chaplin and will meet with Chaplin next week. Many of the 850th are Catholic but Curt wants to offer support to all dominations.</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail reported: Continue to receive unsolicited donations. Blue Star Banner – gave Sgt. Shields check tonight. The Blue Star Banner/Flag bucket collected \$475 at the Isanti VFW.</p> <p>Camo Quilts for Troops: Note that Quilter Program is 2 years old – January 22, 2013! Preparing for 147 troop members from 850th to deploy. There are 184 quilts in stock. The Army is changing camo material and we will be purchasing the new material. Making quilts one side with the old material and one side with the new material. The quilters will need to look for a new home as of June due to SACS moving to the City Center this summer. Exec. Committee will look for space.</p> <p>School Liaison: Randy reported: Working on deployment ceremony for 850th at high school. Will see if school district will waive custodial fee. Susan asked how to capture families that day. Maybe gift bags for kids, resource materials to hand out?</p> <p>Law Enforcement: Ron reported: Progress being made on setting up law enforcement portion of this training. Hopefully a class here at AFRCC May 7th at no cost for first 40 people. Can we provide lunch?</p>	<p>Motion: To furnish lunch for class participants and instructors not to max. over \$500. Motion made by Gail and seconded by Jim J. Motion approved unanimously.</p>
Old Business	<p>Events Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Penny a Pound" – no update 2. Reminder of new e-mail address isanticountybyr@gmail.com Gail monitors the e-mail. Susan thanked Gail for her volunteer hours to ICBYR. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artic Plunge – Chili Feed pre-plunge party on March 1st. Serve Chili 3:00-5:30pm – 1st shift; 5:30-7:00pm – 2nd shift. Does someone want to volunteer to plunge for the ICBYR? • Need for mental health evaluation for a veteran to obtain service connected benefits. • MN Owls Jr. Hockey Military Appreciation Night on Jan. 18, 2013. Free admission for military members. Jim R has tickets in CVSO office. Isanti Color Guard will be there. • Camo Quilts – Need new home due to SACS moving into the City Center in June. 	<p>Motion: To pay for evaluation up to \$400. Motion made by Don G. and seconded by Jim J. Motion approved.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance guidelines – Exec. Committee working on guidelines to provide financial assistance with ICBYR funds. Jim R. explained – discussion on definition of “financial need”. There is concern over our process being too formal and slowing down the process of getting someone help. Jim R. – BYR needs to follow the guidelines of the State Auditor as we are under Isanti County. • Update on 501(c)(3) process: Papers files with Secretary of State. Had one meeting with accountant. • Assistance request: A member of the 850th HEC is in need. Wife cannot work, 2 sm. Children, working with MNDOT to try and find work but cannot find work due to deploying in March. Once deployed, paycheck will be sufficient to cover mo. expenses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bills: Rent for Jan. & Feb 2. ECE 3. East Central Sanitation 4. CenterPoint Energy 5. Sprint for cell phone • Review of new friends of BYR – no report and no known new friends. • Committee Appointments: 	<p>Motion: To pass “guidelines for financial assistance” as made by Susan. Motion was made by Bob F and seconded by Denise B. Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion: Subject to Isanti County authority to expend the funds, pay utility bills in amount of up to \$1800. Motion made by Don G, seconded by Brad. Motion approved unanimously.</p> <p>“This is exactly the reason why we exist”.</p> <p>New: Community Resource Coordinator– Dave R. Congregational Care – Curt A. Bryce not able due to other commitments. All other chairs remain the same.</p>
Conflict of Interest:	All 501(c)(3)'s must have a conflict of interest policy. The one presented was taken from a federal website. Exec. Committee has read and approved.	Motion: To approve Conflict of Interest as presented. Motion by Jim J. and seconded by Don G. There was further discussion. Motion approved.
New Information on CarFit:	Monique from RSVP states on April 18 th and on Sept. 12 th there will be a CarFit offered to senior drivers. Location is the Isanti VFW parking lot from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. They are looking for volunteers to be Technicians. Training will be held in the Training Room at the Isanti Fire Dept. on March 21 st 1:00-4:00pm. Contact Monique at 612-390-5218.	
Adjournment		Motion: To adjourn made by Mary F and seconded by Denise B. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Kathy Rostberg, Secretary

Next Meeting: February 21, 2013 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC