

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting January 19, 2012 Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Monica B, Gail G, Paul B, Jim J, Don G, Jim R, Scott F, Carol Ann S, Susan M, John T, April T, Brad R, Bob B, Gaylen S, Denise B, Don C, Michelle S, Jennifer B, Bryce H, Kerri K, Lindy P.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A United States flag which had been flown in Afghanistan was presented to our organization by a service member.

Ron S and Jim D are both absent due to the death of a parent. Our sympathies go out to these families.

The minutes from our last meeting were e-mailed. A motion was made by Paul B and seconded by Gaylen S to approve the minutes.

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$33,707.31.

Web site report - Scott F reported that we have had 3,328 visitors. Minor corrections are being made. We have had eleven more likes on Face-book.

Billboard report – the Isanti Police Chief helped install the sign at the Isanti City Hall, the Isanti County Sheriff assisted with installing the sign at Captains. Thank you to both of these law enforcement members!

Resource/Brochure committee and Friends of BYR – Denise B reported that a meeting is being planned for next week to review the brochure.

Support our Troops – John & April T reported that 47 packages were mailed in December and 4 more since then. Needed are magazines, lens cleaners, baby wipes, Chap Stick, Q-tips, unscented skin lotion, hard candy and dryer sheets.

Community Resource Coordinator – Lindy P will work with Jessica H to be our new Resource Coordinator.

Congregational Committee – Bryce H reports that the 704<sup>th</sup> was properly welcomed to the community and fed. The breakfast was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated. Pictures were shared with the task force.

Fund Raising/Finance Committee Report – Gail G – There will be a chili feed at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arctic Plunge on Friday, March 2, 2012 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Captain's on Long Lake; a sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to help serve and share information about the BYR.

Camo Quilts for the Troops report by Bob and Mary F – The total number of quilts made is 165 with 127 sent to service members. A thank you note was shared from a recipient of a quilt.

School Liaison – Candi L was not available for a report. There will be a seminar on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in Roseville. Gail and Bob are working with Pat C and Mark Z from the Cambridge/Isanti Schools.

Old Business – Carol Ann has purchased fleece throws to be donated to families participating in the Snow Flake Parade. A motion was made by Jim J with a second by Paul B to accept Carol Ann's donation and attach our logo patch to each quilt. A motion was made by Brad R with a second by Don G to purchase three blankets made by Colleen E at a cost of \$25.00 each. These blankets will be used in upcoming parades to keep the children warm. They will be re-used every year. A motion was made by Bryce H with a second by John T to present one of Carol Ann's donated blankets to each of the three families who participated in this past Snow Flake Parade. All motions carried. This issue will be re-visited in August for next year to insure we have enough blankets to give to the families that participate in next year's parade.

The Action Plan has been reviewed and updated by the Executive Board. The following additional corrections were made:

- Billboards was changed to 4 x 8 signs
- Brochure Committee Chair will be responsible for maintaining design of the magnets and decals
- Secretary position will maintain the inventory of decals, patches, magnets, etc.
- Billboard Committee Chair will install and maintain the 4 x 8 signs

Jim J made a motion with a second by Brad R to accept the changes with discussed corrections.

All Committee Chair appointments will remain the same as last year.

Gail G reported that St Jude Hospice is seeking veterans who are willing to volunteer and visit with veterans who are in their hospice program. Training will be provided. If anyone is interested, please contact Gail for more information.

There will be a military appreciation night at the Isanti Varsity Hockey game on Saturday, February 11, 2012. A sign-up sheet was circulated for anyone who can volunteer to staff a table for BYR.

There will be a Yellow Ribbon Rendezvous February 24 – February 26, 2012 at Cragun's Resort. Proceeds from this weekend event will benefit the Minnesota Military Family Foundation (MMFF). If anyone is interested, contact Monica for reservation forms.

A motion was made by Monica B with a second by Jim J to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the AFRCC.