

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

Attendance: Monica B, Paul B, Jim J, Jim R, Susan M, John T, April T, Bob B, Gaylen S, Kerri K, Curtis A, Don G, Steven W, Gail G, Kim M, Candi L, Scott F, Gregory L, Scott G, Erven S, Denise B.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Local Girl Scout troops were guests and presented 179 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to be sent to our deployed service members.

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

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$33,390.17.

Web site report – Scott reported 3,690 web site visitors. All Friends have been updated. Photos have been updated. The action plan has been added as a hot link on the home page.

Billboard report – Gaylen S reported he is working on a form to place signs. This will be placed on the web-site. A sign has been placed at Clarence's Recycling. It will be kept in storage when not used during the BYR events in May and October.

Resource/Brochure committee and Friends of BYR – Denise reported nothing new.

Support our Troops – John & April T reported all package request cards, requesting care packages for deployed service person's, must include the complete mailing address of the service person in order for packages to be sent. The package request card for deployed service persons will be in both hard copies as well as placed on our web-site. When completed the package request cards are to be returned to the Isanti County Veterans Service Office for processing. Task Force members can carry the package request cards with them or refer to the website to obtain the card.

Community Resource Coordinator – Lindy P was not available for a report.

Congregational Committee – Bryce H was not available for a report.

A thank you was received from the children of a deployed service member for the gifts received at Christmas.

Fund Raising/Finance Committee Report – Gail G – Clarence's Recycling will donate his recycling proceeds for aluminum cans received at his recycling center on May 5. Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic and assist clients in unloading their recyclables. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Bob B spoke to both the Isanti County News and the Isanti-Chisago Star regarding Clarence's donation.

Camo Quilts for the Troops report e-mailed by Bob and Mary F – The total number of quilts made is 220 with 133 sent to service members. Monica B made a motion with a second by Don G to purchase 100 quilt kits. Don G will pick them up. Curtis A made a motion with a second by John T to provide transportation money for delivery expense. After discussion, the motion was amended to have the Executive Board to discuss policy for reimbursing mileage under certain circumstances.

School Liaison – Gail reported the K-12 tool kit is waiting for beta testing from nine schools.

Law Enforcement – Bob B reviewed the Public Safety De-escalation Tactics that will soon be available.

Old Business – Susan M attended the Annual Education Conference on March 27th at St Cloud. Chaplain John Morris discussed with Susan his desire to pursue internships, of returning service members, within County Government.

Upcoming events

1. Patriot Day Saturday, June 16, 2012 at AFRCC
 - a. The Patriot Ride route will follow 2nd Avenue to Main Street and then to Highway 65. A flyer is being finalized. Articles will be in the newspapers. BYR will need to be available to staff our booth.
2. BBQ Picnic Thursday, May 3rd from 5pm – 6:45 pm at Cambridge Community College
3. Isanti Rodeo parade Thursday, July 5, 2012 at Isanti
4. Isanti County Fair Wednesday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 22, 2012 at the County Fair Grounds
5. Classic & Rod on the Lake Car Show will be every Tuesday evening during the summer starting May 1, 2012 from 5:00 – 9:00 at Captains on Long Lake. Entry fee is \$5.00 or an item for military care packages (donated to Isanti BYR).

At 7:57 p.m., Don G made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jim R.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the AFRCC.