

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting June 21, 2012 Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Monica B, Gail G, Bob B, Jim J, Bryan R, Brad R, Scott F, Bob F, Mary F, Gaylen S, Curtis A, Carol A, Scott G, Dan J, Susan H, Monique M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Monique M from East Central MN Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She talked about how RSVP can support volunteers 55 and older participating in Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

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

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$33,035.75.

Web site report – Scott reported 3,916 web site visitors. The Blue Star Moms are on the web-site as a friend. Pictures from the Patriot Ride and the 850th Picnic need to be sent for updating to the web-site and Facebook.

Billboard report – Gaylen S reported that he needs to have diggers insurance for sign placement. The Executive Board is checking options.

Resource/Brochure committee and Friends of BYR – Denise B submitted a report. No activity.

Support our Troops – John & April T were not available for a report.

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

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

Fund Raising/Finance Committee Report – Gail G – \$134.00 in quilt raffle tickets were sold at the Patriot Ride. The raffle will end on July 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., the final day of the Isanti County fair.

Camo Quilts for the Troops report by Bob and Mary F – Sewers continued to quilt while Bob and Mary were having a wonderful visit in Virginia with their grandchild. New numbers were not available for tonight's meeting.

School Liaison – Gail G reported that the K-12 tool kit pilot program has been positive. Target schools will be using the program next semester in either an after-school program or during the school day. The new curriculum director for Cambridge-Isanti is committed to work with Isanti BYR. He will be contacted within the month regarding implementation of the program.

Law Enforcement – Bob B reported the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute (UMCPI) training will be here at the AFRCC on Thursday, September 20, 2012. No BYR volunteers will be needed. The program will cover PTSD/TBI. 50 law enforcement personnel from Isanti County will be attending. There will be 10 slots saved for volunteers. We will invite Judge Dehn and two members from the 850th Unit.

A request was made to have Judge Dehn give us an update on Veterans Court.

Old Business:

First Annual Patriot Day Saturday, June 16, 2012 at AFRCC was a huge success. The numbers for the 850th Unit Picnic on Sunday, June 17, 2012 were off, we fed approximately 450 people. Thank you very much from the 850th!

New Business:

Motion was made by Bob F with a second by Brad R for \$75.00 to go to the repair man who fixed a refrigerator for a veteran's widow. A veteran who is in need of dental assistance but currently does not qualify for the State VA Dental program has outstanding bills of \$1,421.03. A motion was made by Bob F with a second by Scott F to pay the entire amount due. Motion carried.

Upcoming events

1. Isanti Rodeo parade Thursday, July 5, 2012 6:00 p.m. at Isanti
 - a. Brad R will check with the 850th Unit to see if there are families that can participate. We are number 5 in the line-up. A sign-up sheet was circulated for participation.
2. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to staff a table at the VFW Rodeo Store on Saturday, July 7, 2012
3. Isanti County Fair Wednesday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 22, 2012 at the County Fair Grounds
 - a. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Instead of having a July BYR Task Force meeting, it is requested of all task force members to commit the time volunteering at the BYR booth at the Isanti County Fair.

New Friend of BYR update – East Central MN RSVP will support volunteers 55 and older to assist veterans and military families. A motion was made by Jim J with a second by Gaylen S to accept them as a new friend of BYR.

At 8:17 p.m., our meeting was adjourned.

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