

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting August 16, 2012 Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Gail G, Bob B, Jim R, Susan M, Kory D, Jim J, Greg A, John T, April T, Bruce N, Bob F, Carol Ann S, Scott F, Curtis A, Don Grotte, Brad Reents, Gail G.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob B introduced guests: Bruce N, Superintendent of Schools CI ISD 911. The new Director of Teaching and Learning has been tasked with coordinating with BYR.; Greg A, Bradford Township.

Kory D made a Power Point presentation on VetCorps.

Jim R. thanked Bruce N for his presence, concern and interested in BYR.

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

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$32,051.56. There were two corrections – page 1 expense item "Gas cards for volunteer's mileage" should be broken into two entries. \$200 Gas card for volunteer's mileage"; \$75 "gas card to veteran for repair of refrigerator." Page 2 – refund for overpayment of fair booth should be moved from expense to revenue. A motion was made by Gail G and seconded by Don G to reimburse Jim R for cost of awning not to exceed \$125.

Web site report – Scott reported that web site is up to date and that we have had 4,103 visitors.

Billboard report – Gaylen S was not present but indicated that we are running short of materials for 4 x 8 signs. Jim R reported that the signs are working. He has had several veterans refer to the signs when visiting his office.

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

Support our Troops – John & April T have product but need names of service members.

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 – \$259 total for quilt raffle. Drawing took place at Isanti County Fair. Winner, Geri A. was present to claim the quilt. We also received \$137 in donations at the Isanti County Fair.

Camo Quilts for the Troops report by Bob and Mary F – Sewers continued to quilt and are averaging about 4 quilts per week. We are on track for sufficient quilts for the unit that is deploying in March of 2013.

School Liaison – Gail G will contact Director of Teaching and Learning to discuss our mission.

Law Enforcement – Bob B reported the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute (UMCPI) training has been cancelled for lack of registration. No date has been set for a future training.

Old Business:

Bob B reminded members of the Task Force that those 55 and over are invited to Join RSVP as a volunteer. Mileage for volunteer activities will be reimbursed.

New Business:

Motion was made by Jim R with a second by Jim J to authorize an expenditure of up to \$300 for a PTSD evaluation for a female veteran.

Executive committee will review and develop wording for a policy asking for donations from individuals who have received help.

Upcoming events

1. VVA Veterans Picnic Saturday, August 18, 2012 at Cambridge Fair Grounds, 3:00 p.m. until dark.
2. Clarence's Recycling, Saturday, October 6. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers.
3. Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, October 20, 2012, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AFRCC.

At 8:35, our meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the AFRCC.