

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting August 18, 2011 Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jim J, Ron S, Paul B, John T, April T, Mary F, Bob F, Helen S, Dale S, Gaylen S, Mary S, Jessica P, Cindy F, Dan J, Kathy R, Jim R, Susan M, Don G, Sharon F, Jose C, Jesse G, Scott F, Kathy C, Curtis A, Gail G.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special guests were Jessica P and Cindy F, Pine City Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; Paul B, Recovery Minister Director, New Hope Community Church; and Mary S, aunt of deployed soldier Javier G. Bob B mentioned the possibility of providing Camo Quilts for the Pine City unit. Jessica and Cindy will talk to Bob F and Mary F after the meeting. Paul was present at the meeting to talk about the new Military Recovery Group program. Mary offered a verbal thank you from her nephew for the Camo quilt.

A motion was made by Gaylen S and seconded by Mary F to approve the minutes from our last meeting that were e-mailed. Jim J commented that his name should be added to the attendance for the July meeting.

The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$3,439.84. It was noted that two entries are in the wrong column, however, the totals are correct.

Web site report by Scott F – Everything is updated except the last minutes and agenda. Scott had two "hits" from the Web site for assistance. These were passed to Jessica H and Gail G. A volunteer is needed to keep the Facebook page updated.

Billboard report by Gaylen S – The Bradford Town Board formally approved placing an 18x24 sign inside the Town Hall and will place a 4' x 8' sign on their property. Susan M has been contacted by Springvale regarding a sign. Gaylen will follow up on this request.

Resource/Brochure committee – Denise B not present, but reported by email there is nothing new to report.

Friends of BYR are being contacted by Denise B

Support our Troops – John T reported that eight packages have been sent and he has recently received four more names as a result of our participation at the fair. He also reported that there is a spouse of a deployed soldier in Ramsey who is looking for someone to do winter plowing. Several task force members gave him names that he will pass along.

Community Resource Coordinator – Jessica H was not in attendance. Bob B spoke about the difference between volunteering and work that needs to be done by a professional service, i.e. removing a fallen tree from a house.

Congregational Support committee – Paul B, Recovery Ministry Director, New Hope Community Church, is starting a Military Recovery Group. They will meet at AFRCC on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning September 21 with an 8 week course entitled Living free and November 2 with the Recovery Group. He is proposing a partnership with BYR and requesting that we write a letter to the City of Cambridge explaining our relationship. This will allow him to use the facility free of charge

Breakfast with the Army Reserve 704th Chemical Company is still in the initial planning stages by Curtis A. He is encountering some delays in contacting those he needs to talk with to arrange a date.

Fund-Raising Committee report by Gail G – The following donations have been received: \$585.12 Isanti County Fair, \$50 Carol Ann S, \$215.14 profits from WalMart hot dog stand, \$100.00 Dollars for Doers (Allina -- Denise B), \$455.00 Rib Fest, \$100.00, Michael R. We received a check tonight for \$500 from 24Restore. Will have to be returned to correct

payee. Gail G reminded everyone that checks need to be made out to Isanti County with a note in the Memo area indicating Donation Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

Camo Quilts for the Troops report by Bob and Mary F – We continue to meet every Monday from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We have completed 96 quilts and have sent 44 to our service persons deployed.

School Liaison – Candi L was not available for a report.

Law Enforcement Training report – Ron S reported that the training is not as yet scheduled. He will check on the possibility of a sign for the City of Isanti.

Jim R talked about the Isanti County Fair and if we should continue our participation. He explained how the exposure helps us be recognized in the county and the fact that we acquired additional names of deployed soldiers and volunteers. Also, at future fairs a member of the executive committee will take responsibility for an individual day.

The WalMart Hot Dog stand was reviewed and the decision will be made at a later date for next year.

Allina's Dollars for Doers is available for all Allina employees. Encourage those you know who work for Allina to participate.

Isanti County BYR has been requested to host a Yellow Ribbon Proclamation Ceremony on either November 2 or November 30. Jim R and the Executive Committee are working on locating a venue. We are continuing the planning process. A date should be selected in the next couple of weeks.

The 5th annual Motorcycle Ride out of Captain's on Long Lake to support the Yellow Ribbon. All proceeds from the ride will go to Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. The event takes place on September 4th. Sign up is from 9:30-10:30, the ride leaves at 11:00. Volunteers are needed to support this event.

A thank you was read from the mother of Caleb, the son of a deployed service person who received \$150 donated by the members of the Task Force to help with costs associated with a baseball trip. Also read a thank you from Caleb.

No new friend requests this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the AFRCC.