

**Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
AFRCC**

Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2017

Member Attendance:

x	Jim R	x	Erven S.		Scott F		Randy P
x	Susan M		Kerri K		Greg A		Reents, Sgt Brad
x	Gail G		Curtis A		Jamie N		Chris C
x	Kathy R		Carol A		Curt H		Pauline A
x	Bob B	x	Brad B		Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J		Randy H		Doug M		Terry L
x	David O	x	Dave R	x	Mary F		Cathy B
x	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M	x	Bob F		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan		Guest:
	Carol Ann S	x	Sean W	x	Deanna B	x	Guest: Cory B
x	Bruce D		Barbara K	x	Ben B	x	Guest: BrianK
	Brent L		April T				Guest:
	Candi L		John T				

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1902 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest:	Brian Kubat from the Hwy 65 Pub & Grub was present. ICBYR thanked Brian for his years of support to ICBYR as the sponsor of the annual "Ride for Troops" motorcycle ride. Dave Rosten presented Brian with a thank you plaque from ICBYR. Brian states that the new owner will continue the motorcycle ride benefit.	Our thanks to Brian and best wishes as he moves to Florida.
Secretary Report Carol Ann	Minutes of the September meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Dave R) and seconded (Gail G) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors and donations from Shalom Shop & Hwy 65 Pub & grub. Golf Tournament deposits Expenditures were: soldier needs, North 65 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, phone bill, and golf tournament needs, signage Correction needed: the 9/13 expense for signs by Jill is for ICBYR "regular" signs, not a golf tournament expenditure 	Correction to be made Information accepted and filed for audit Our gratitude to our donors
Chair's Report Jim R	1) Veterans issues: Jim R & Dan M reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soldier from 850th given \$200 gift card to Walmart after discharge from the St Cloud 	Information accepted

	<p>VAMC. (Rent and 2 car payments previously paid).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran needs assistance with delivery of sheetrock to his home – bill of \$128.31 paid • Veteran needs assistance with dental exam and cleaning – Exam done and paid \$82. Waiting to hear if further work needs to be done. CVSO working on service connection • Guardian Angels social worker called CVSO about a veteran who needs a ramp installed. Awaiting more information • Veteran requesting assistance with roof repair – Jim R made site visit – roof in very bad shape, needs total tear off by a professional roofer. Issue may be bigger than a roof. CVSO & Jim R to work with veteran on needs. • Veteran needs a hospital bed. CVSO has one available, he and Dan R will deliver • CVSO mentioned there is a Go Fund Me page for a Cambridge high school graduate/soldier who now lives in Florida. Both of his children died this summer, drowned in the swimming pool. He entered the service when he lived in Isanti County. Ask CVSO if you want details. • Friend of a veteran’s widow called Susan M. with a request for assistance with painting. Susan and Jim R did a home visit. Widow to meet with CVSO <p>2) Follow-up North 65 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo – Susan Morris staffed the ICBYR table and gave a presentation about ICBYR. Susan stated attendance was light but she made good networking connections with local business members. Donated items for troop boxes were also accepted. About 3 tote boxes were filled. Susan also stated that Faith Lutheran Church donated 20 afghans to ICBYR. We will donate them to Veterans at GracePointe Crossing.</p> <p>3) October Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to minutes for further detail 	<p>Information accepted</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Billboard Committee: Dave R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sign placed at County Roads 5 & 70 • Owner at Pine Brook Inn has given permission for us to post a sign at Hwys 95 & 47. Need to 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>discuss with Gopher State before drilling post holes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need sign replaced by Fredells. Very faded. <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report Chairs absent <p>Congregational Committee: Carol Ann S for Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent and Candi at training in Rochester today • Brent and Deanna updated the contact list of Isanti County churches (N=30) • Planning on Lay Ministry training event in April 2018 to teach local clergy about ICBYR • Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Chaplin Winn – full time support chaplain for the MN National Guard • Brent to work with ICBYR Secretary on “Save the Date” card mailing <p>School Liaison: Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report Chair absent <p>Law Enforcement: Scott F:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Scholarship Committee: Carol Ann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting tonight focused on application form, amounts of scholarship(s) and selection criteria • Given \$10,000 from 2017 Golf Tournament proceeds • Task Force member would like to give input tonight • Will present to Task Force at November meeting <p>Fundraising: Gail G:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Tournament very successful. Proceeds and bills still coming in, have made \$14,150 so far. • Thirty door prizes given. Three were returned. Will donate them to the CVSO to give to veterans who may need them • Jim & Kathy Rostberg attended the October meeting of the Rum River Classics Car Club and accepted the check from the Hot Rods for Heroes Cruise. 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>I</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>

Upcoming Events ICBYR	<u>ICBYR Events:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICBYR Dinner/Dance- Country Classics theme – March 24, 2018 2. ICBYR Lay Ministry Seminar – April 2018 <u>Community Events of Interest:</u> SeaCadets fundraising breakfast – 5 th Sunday - Forest Lake American Legion	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on participation in Snowflake Parade – Task Force does want to participate in the parade in Cambridge November 19th. Committee is Dan M, Sean W, Bob F and Jim R. Secretary will complete application form. 	ICBYR will participate in the 2017 Snowflake Parade
Open Agenda: Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean W mentioned that the Cub Scouts can order gift cards if ICBYR wants them for veteran/soldier Christmas gifts this year • Dave R stated the Star 95 fundraiser will be held again this year. ICBYR and another organization to be the beneficiaries of the funds. More details to follow • Dave O stated there was damage sustained to the large Fire Dept flag at the Golf Tournament. Dave will call and discuss details to see if it is cleaning, repair or replacement needed 	Motion: Motion was made (Gail G) and seconded (Brad B) to purchase 25 gift cards of \$100 each for Christmas gifts
Open Agenda: 850th HEC Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt Robin sent an email inviting the ICBYR Task Force to the 850th HEC Holiday Party as a thank you for all of our love and support. A table of eight has been reserved for the ICBYR at the December 2nd Holiday Party. 	Call Jim R if you want to attend the 850 th HEC Holiday Party. Theme “Ugly Sweater”. Social hour 1700, Program 1800, Dinner 1830. Prime Rib or steak by Firehouse Catering.
Open Agenda: Scholarship Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship application form was shared with Task Force members • Discussion held on number and amount of scholarships to be awarded • Discussion held on potential selection criteria and advertising plan • Scholarship committee to present recommendations at November Task Force meeting 	Decision: Distribute the entire \$10,000 given by the donors at the golf tournament. Can be four \$2500 scholarships or five \$2000 scholarships. Decision: Money to be given directly to school’s financial office (or loan company) Decision: Change eligibility requirement “A veteran or service member who lives or serves in Isanti County” to “has duty station in Isanti County” instead of “serves in”
Open Agenda: Arctic Splash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arctic Plunge has disbanded • New program from new owners of Captain’s to be called Arctic Splash 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave R attended Arctic Splash meeting at Captain's on Long Lake on behalf of ICBYR • Discussion held on new expectations. ICBYR will again do chili feed at pre-party on February 9, 2018 	
Open Agenda: Veterans Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion held on whether we should donate money to the Isanti County fraternal organizations hosting Veterans Day meals. This would include Isanti VFW, Cambridge American Legion and Braham VFW 	Motion: Motion was made by Dave R and seconded (Carol Ann S) to donate \$200 to each organization that is hosting a Veterans Day meal. Motion approved.
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made Dave R and seconded (Mary F) to adjourn pm. Motion approved at 2043.

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

Link to the Military Action Group:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO