

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

Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2017

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1900 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Announcements:	Jim R stated that a long time friend of ICBYR died on Tuesday. There will be a grave side service at Fort Snelling at a future date. (Name withheld upon request)	Motion: A motion was made by (Dave R) and seconded (Brad B) to send flowers. Motion Approved A sympathy card and flowers will be sent. Notes of sympathy were written by Task Force members. (Please note that personal donations will pay for the flowers and not ICBYR funds).
Secretary Report Carol Ann	Minutes of the October meeting were distributed by e-mail.	Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Candi L) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	Income and expenses were reviewed for October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income includes: private donors and donations from Cambridge Lutheran Church (ICBYR selected as their August organization of the month), Hot Rods for Heroes donation, & Golf Tournament deposits Expenditures were: veteran & soldier needs, phone bill, and donation to Polaris Battalion, coin purchase, golf tournament expenses, stamps and donations for Veterans Day meals 	Information accepted and filed for audit Our gratitude to our donors

<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<p>1) Veterans issues: Dan M reporting via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave R assisted Dan in moving a hospital bed from the CVSO Office to the veteran's home. His help was greatly appreciated. • Soldier needed assistance with car repair. Executive Board approved \$300 for water pump • Widow of veteran needed assistance with mortgage payment and propane tank fill. Approved by Executive Board • 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. Referred to CVSO • Veteran needs a hospital bed. CVSO has one available, he and Dan R will deliver • Significant Other of veteran called with request for rides to work. Referred to CVSO. <p>2) Jim, Brent and Carol Ann gave a summary of the Joining Community Forces MN Conference they attended November 2nd.</p> <p>3) Jim introduced Cory B and Joy W who are guests here tonight. They are forming a BYR for the Chisago Lakes area. They will begin with one school district that covers Chisago City, Lindstrom, Shafer and Taylors Falls. Hope to expand to entire county in the future. The first meeting of their Steering Committee will be January 8, 2018. Cory will chair the Chisago Lakes BYR and has spent 18 years National Guard. Joy is from 3M and will be on the Steering Committee. Discussion held on Isanti County BYR mentoring the Chisago Lakes BYR.</p> <p>4) November Executive Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refer to minutes for further detail 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brent L) and seconded (Susan M) that the Isanti County BYR formally mentor the Chisago Lakes BYR. Motion approved</p>
<p>Committee Reports:</p>	<p>Website Committee: Scott F via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website hits at 19,845 (2,479 since August meeting) • Agendas and minutes updated through October, Friends updated, photo of ICBYR members with General Best from JCF-MN Conference posted on "Success Stories" section • Tweet for tonight's meeting sent out • Requests information on the Snowflake Parade <p>Resource/Brochure Committee Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report – Chair absent <p>Billboard Committee: Dave R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sign placed at Pine Brook Inn on Hwys 95 and 47 	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign replaced by Fredells near Blue Lake • Repainted the word “Veteran” on some signs as the sun had faded the red lettering. <p>Community Resource/Friends of BYR Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to get the word out that we have a new “Friend”. Perhaps develop a “Welcome Package” for new Friends, take them brochures and decals, make sure ICBYR is on their website & they are on ours. • For all Friends: Email our Annual Report to each Friend annually. Maybe publish the list of Friends in the newspaper once a year. Keep hard copies in the CVSO Office for him to hand out. <p>Support our Troops/Military Family Support Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report Chairs absent • Susan M stated she went through the donations collected at the North 65 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and selected those appropriate for sending overseas. She spoke with her daughter who is deployed in the United Arab Emirates on what is needed/desired. <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent and Candi gave a report on the training they attended in Rochester given by the VA. There are modules on “Military Culture” and “Pastoral Care for Veterans”. Covering both modules would take one full day 0800-1630 • Will use this curriculum for the training event in April 2018 to teach local clergy about ICBYR & working with military. The VA Trainer is willing to come to Cambridge • Brent to work with ICBYR Secretary on “Save the Date” card mailing • Brent and Candi brought back give-a-aways <p>School Liaison: Randy P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report Chair absent – Jim R did speak with him by phone <p>Law Enforcement: Scott F via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report. Has a supply of decals for squads and emergency vehicles <p>Scholarship Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to presentation under “New Business” <p>Fundraising: Jim R for Gail G:</p>	<p>Information accepted. Our thanks to the owners of Pine Brook Inn!</p> <p>Will discuss Welcome Package further</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim R met with Sean O from Cambridge Bar & Grill for the check presentation from the summer fundraisers. Check given for \$1000. The newspaper was present. • Star 95 Car Wash “Wash for a Cause” the week of Veterans Day will result in a \$600 donation. Dave R will meet with them for the check presentation in the near future. ICBYR staffed a table at Star 95 on Nov 10 & 11. 	
Upcoming Events ICBYR	<p><u>ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snowflake Parade in Cambridge - November 18th – please meet at float no later than 5:30 if you wish to ride or walk. Float will be in the college parking lot – row 2 (enter from Spirit River Drive). We are unit #41. There is parking in row 4. Dave R will pull the float. Jim R, Bob F, Dave R and Brad B will meet Friday to assemble the float. 2. Arctic Splash Chili Feed – February 2018 3. ICBYR Dinner/Dance- Country Classics theme – March 24, 2018 – meeting soon with KBK. Ole has been booked to sell raffle tickets. 4. ICBYR Clergy training – April 2018 <p><u>Community Events of Interest:</u> SeaCadets fundraising breakfast – 5th Sunday - Forest Lake American Legion – please note NO BREAKFAST DECEMBER 31st</p>	Information accepted
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
New Business: Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for 2018 ICBYR Executive Board Officer. Offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary now open through December 21st. • Vote will be held at the December Task Force meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Rostberg was nominated for Chair • Dave Oslund was nominated for Vice Chair • Kathy Rostberg was nominated for Treasurer • Carol Ann Smith was nominated for Secretary
New Business: Scholarship Committee Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scholarship Committee (Bruce D, Brad B, Dan M, Dan J and Carol Ann S) presented the Scholarship Committee description and the process they went through to determine scholarship eligibility and design the application form. • The scholarships are funded entirely by the funds generated by the 2017 Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament Committee is giving \$10,000 for scholarships. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in 2018. • The application process and selection process were described. 	<p>Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Kathy R) to accept the Scholarship Committee’s plan. Discussion ensued. Motion approved with the amendments of (1) remove the statement of “above C grade”; (2) add in “home of record” if active duty in the eligibility section.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website information and advertising plan was described (please see PowerPoint slides). 	
New Business: Scholarship Sustainability Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Scholarship Committee also presented a sustainability plan. Scholarships will continue to be funded from Golf Tournament funds. The number of scholarships awarded will vary each year depending on available funds. A minimum of one \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded each year. In the absence of Golf Tournament funds, ICBYR will award one \$2,500 scholarship each year using money from the interest earned on ICBYR investment funds. 	Motion: Motion was made (Brad B) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the scholarship sustainability plan. Motion approved.
Open Agenda: Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Names are being collected of military personnel, veterans or spouses/widows who are in need this Christmas. Please let Jim R or Dan M know of anyone who needs a gift. Faith Lutheran Church has donated afghans to ICBYR. Susan M received the donation. GracePointe Crossing has been contacted to see if they have veterans who need afghans. There is a Holiday Party at the Mall of America December 10th for current service members, veterans and Gold Star families. For more information visit https://www.mallofamerica.com/events/feature/holiday-for-heroes?utm_source=Community+Relations&utm_campaign=77b0b6eb27-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_05_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb10cd3b87-77b0b6eb27-69278729&mc_cid=77b0b6eb27&mc_eid=34be424929 Bob F stated he attended the Veterans Day program at the Princeton Middle School and it was a wonderful experience 	Information accepted
Open Agenda: 850th HEC Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder that 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. There was discussion to support the Family Readiness Group as they sponsor the 850th HEC 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. So far 4 Task Force members have signed up. Motion: A motion was made (Brad B) and seconded (Mary F) to donate up to \$1,000 to the FRG to support non liquor 850 th HEC Holiday Party expenses. Motion Approved.
Adjournment		Motion: Motion was made (Jim J) and seconded (Kathy R) to adjourn pm. Motion approved at 2047).

Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting:

December 21, 2017

7:00-8:30 p.m.

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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