

Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force
Armed Forces Reserve and Community Center

Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2018

Member Attendance:

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
Call to Order		Meeting was called to Order at 1910 by Chair Jim R
Pledge of Allegiance		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
Guest: Sammi K BYR - YROC	<p>The state BYR has created a new position called Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator. Sammi Korinek will represent 9 counties in Central MN, including the metro area and Chisago and Isanti Counties. Sammi and Rachel will share Isanti County. Rachel offices by Camp Ripley. Sammi offices in Cottage Grove. Another YRROC represents southern MN and offices in Mankato. These positions are new, created about 4 months ago*.</p> <p>The Outreach Coordinators will assist and support the BYR networks as needed. They focus on helping us with our struggles, to communicate best practices, to bring needs to us and to collect data to show community value.</p>	Welcome Sammi! Information accepted
Secretary Report Carol Ann S	Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on October 15	Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F) and seconded (Brad B) to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
Treasurer Report Kathy R.	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes: private donors, monies from Cambridge Bar & Grill and Hwy 65 Pub & Grub fundraisers • Expenditures were: veteran support, phone bill, golf tournament expenses, 850th picnic expenses, liability insurance 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to accept report and file it for audit. Motion approved.</p> <p>Our gratitude to our donors</p>

<p>Chair's Report Jim R</p>	<p>Veterans issues: (Dan M)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Veteran needs assistance with utility bill after death of wife. Exec Board recommends approval of \$590.00 2) Veteran needs assistance with medical bill for surgery – Exec Board recommends approval of \$948.25 <p>CVSO requested nine gas gift cards for the office. Exec Board purchased them. Dan expressed his thanks.</p> <p>Dan would like Veterans to know that the Heartland Express is now giving a discount to veterans on local rides. Cost is now 75 cents.</p> <p>Dan stated the Isanti County CVSO office is now able to certify people for hearing loss and qualify them for a free CapTel captioned telephone.</p> <p>Jim gave a summary of the local Veterans Day events. Please see New Business for more information.</p> <p>Jim stated we have received letters of resignation from two key Task Force members. He read the letters from Dave R and Bob B. Both will be most sincerely missed. And we thank them for all that they have done on behalf of the veterans and military personnel of Isanti County</p> <p>Due to the resignations, the Executive Board reviewed and discussed the current committee/liaison structure. Jim explained the changes to the committee/liaison structure recommended by the Executive Board.</p> <p>Current Structure is: Community Service Resource/BYR Friends Coordinator; Packages for the Deployed; Billboard</p> <p>Proposed Structure is: Community Service Resource Coordinator; BYR Friends Coordinator; Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison; Billboard Committee</p> <p>Anyone wishing to volunteer for these new positions please let Jim know. An email with the position descriptions will be emailed in the near future.</p> <p>Golf Tournament Review – please see Fundraising Report. A montage of golf tournament pictures was viewed. Thanks Susan and Gail!</p> <p>October Executive Board meeting. Please refer meeting summary emailed October 17th</p>	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Jim J) to pay the utility bill of \$590.00 Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by (Dan O) and seconded (Carol Ann S) to pay medical bill of \$948.25 Motion approved.</p> <p>Our sincere thanks to Dave and Bob</p> <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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair position available <p>Community Service Resource/BYR Friends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair position available <p>Packages for the Deployed: John & April Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, Chairs absent <p>Congregational Committee: Brent L via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke with Spirit River Church about their new “Creating Caring Congregation” program focusing on mental health awareness. To be held October 24 at 6:30 pm. Community dinner at 5:30 pm. <p>School Liaison: Randy P</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report, Chair absent <p>Law Enforcement Liaison: Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report – Chair absent <p>Scholarship Committee: Brad, Bruce, Dan J & Carol Ann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting for next year’s Scholarship Committee was held today prior to the Task Force meeting Discussed last year’s process. Felt most things went well Minor changes to the application form and process Will discuss advertising plan at November meeting. Will release application form January 3, 2019 Deadline for Scholarship applications March 15, 2019 with presentation at the April meeting <p>Investment Coordinator Quarterly Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dividend income for 3rd Q received. Fees paid to Newton Financial. This income pays for our phone, advertising, signage and other overhead so we do not have to use donor funds for administrative costs <p>Fiscal Agent Report: Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The account was opened for Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. Jim gave an excellent overview of the Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. project. Commemorative black granite blocks can be purchased to honor or in memory of a veteran. Located by old courthouse in Cambridge. Excavation for the footings will begin this fall or next spring due to a generous donation. Full scale model can be seen at the Cambridge American Legion Veterans 	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
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	<p>Day event November 11th. Brochures will be available for those who wish to purchase a brick or donate to the project. Jim R will bring the model and brochures to the November ICBYR Task Force meeting.</p> <p>Fundraising: Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf tournament – revenue and final expenses reported. Very successful year!! • Star 95 Car Wash Fundraiser to begin Nov 5 and end on Veterans Day • 2019 Dinner Dance planning has begun with KBEK. Date is March 23, 2019. Theme “The Great Gatsby”. Big Band music and music by request. Will raffle a wine wagon, booze buggy and beer barrel. Silent auction. Gail looking for silent auction volunteers. Italian dinner. We will hire someone to run the bar. 	Information accepted
<p>Upcoming Events ICBYR</p>	<p><u>ICBYR Events:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walker Methodist Levande – Senior Information Fair – November 1 2. Star 95 Car Wash Fundraiser – November 5-11 3. Snowflake Parade – November 17 Parade line-up along 2nd Avenue & Anoka Ramsey Community College Parking lot. We will let you know what time to meet. Probably about 4:30 pm. Sean Wilson will drive his truck. There will be room for 9 people to ride. People may also walk. We need 2 people to carry the ICBYR banner. There is a community chili feed at City Center Mall near SACS from 4:00-730 pm to support the cost of the parade Santa will be at the chili feed from 4:00-5:00 pm and after the parade Community caroling in the former Arlington Hotel lot at 5:00 pm 4. “The Great Gatsby” Dinner Dance – March 23, 2019 	Information accepted
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in Committee/Liaison Structure – discussion held on re-structuring due to recent resignations and other changes 	Information accepted
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion held on giving financial support to the Cambridge American Legion, Cambridge American Legion Auxiliary and Isanti VFW to support their Veterans Day events/meals. ICBYR to have brochure racks at each event 	<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Mary F and seconded by (Brad B) to donate \$500.00 to each of these organizations to support</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package Mailings – Discussion held that ICBYR should collaborate with other community organizations such as Pine City Blue Star Moms, Isanti Lions or CSOAF for mailing packages to deployed service members. ICBYR would give the organization money to purchase items and pay for postage. Vote postponed until a later date. Gail will research cost of filling box and shipping. 	<p>their Veterans Day events. Motion approved</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
Veterans Day Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge American Legion Auxiliary Lunch at Spirit River in Isanti • Isanti VFW Supper for Veteran & guest • Cambridge American Legion Refreshments at the Legion at 2:00. Raffle drawing at 3:00 • Bradford Roadhouse Lunch 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on Pine City Blue Star Moms Holiday Care package mailing: Collecting items through Nov 15th at MinnCo Cambridge office. Items needed for packages distributed*. Cash donations accepted for shipping costs. Packing of boxes Nov 18th at Braham Event Center. Blue Star Moms Pine City Chapter #16 serves all of East Central MN and western WIS. • Scott F emailed that a MN State Trooper that works in Isanti County is being deployed • Carol Ann mentioned Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance “Unmasking” events that are focusing on Veterans. They will be held Oct 16 at Eagle’s Healing Nest Sauk Centre and Oct 18 at Eagle’s Healing Nest Anoka • Give to the Max Day is November 15, remember your favorite charities • Congratulations to Bruce Danielson on being inducted into the Bluejacket Hall of Fame • Congratulations to Scott Fredell on being awarded the Helios Lodge “Hiram Award” a high award in the Masons • Several veterans received “Quilts of Valor” at a recent VVA meeting • If you wish to attend “Holidays for Heroes” at the Mall of America on December 9th, RSVP by Dec 7th at: https://mallofamerica.com/node/12431node/12431 • Information on a Twelve Step retreat for veterans at Hazelden-Betty Ford will be emailed • Monica Broten, CVSO Administrative Assistant will retire November 9th 	<p>Information accepted</p>
Adjournment		<p>Motion: A motion was made by (Dave O) and seconded</p>

		(Mary F) to adjourn meeting. Motion approved & meeting adjourned at 2030.
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

Next Meeting: November 15, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m. AFRCC

*See attachment

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