

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

**Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2019**

**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
x	Carol Ann S	x	Mary F	x	Dan J		Heidi B
x	Jim J	x	Bob F		Doug M		Terry L
	David O		Randy H		Lisa S		Cathy B
	Dan M (CVSO)		Walt M		Sandra S		Don C
	Perseke, Sgt Major Dan		Pam M		Robin, Sgt Bryan	x	Jessica H
x	Brad B	x	Sean W		Deanna B		
x	Bruce D		Barbara K		Ben B	x	Guest: Launa H
x	Brent L	x	Andrea D		Helen S		Guest:
	Candi L	x	Jeremy M		Stacey B		Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motions/Action Taken
<b>Call to Order</b>		Meeting was called to Order at 1901 by Chair Jim R
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>		Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
<b>Introductions</b>	Members and guests present introduced themselves	
<b>Guest</b>	<p>Launa Hollen, the volunteer coordinator from the St. Croix Hospice, gave a presentation about their hospice services. Launa is looking for veterans who would be willing to visit veterans who are on hospice. This is called "Companion Volunteer".</p> <p>Also need volunteers for "Quilt of Honor" ceremonies and "Vigil Volunteers" to sit with veterans who are actively dying.</p> <p>For information contact Launa at 763-689-3735 or email her at <a href="mailto:lhollen@stcroixhospice.com">lhollen@stcroixhospice.com</a>. There is an onboarding process including an interview and background check. Training and orientation is provided.</p>	Information accepted
<b>Secretary Report Carol Ann S</b>	Minutes of the December 2018 meeting were distributed by e-mail on January 14	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Mary F) to approve the minutes. <b>Minutes approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer Report Kathy R.</b>	<p>Income and expenses were reviewed for December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income includes: private and commercial donors</li> <li>• Expenditures were: veteran support for the Holidays (29 gift cards at \$100 each), phone bill, raffle ticket printing and one scholarship</li> </ul>	<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brent L) and seconded (Mary F) to accept report and file it for audit. <b>Motion approved.</b>

		Our gratitude to our donors
<p><b>Chair's Report</b> <b>Jim R</b></p>	<p>Veterans issues: (Jim R)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Military family with furnace problem and truck repair needs. Family was able to pay for these repairs, but then unable to meet mortgage payment. Husband is a truck driver and without his truck cannot work.</li> <li>2) Widow of veteran with furnace issue – Dave O able to fix – issue with a belt</li> <li>3) CVSO requesting more gas gift cards for the office</li> <li>4) Request to CVSO for wheelchair ramp – Dan M to do a site visit</li> </ol> <p>Jim R explained the vetting process that happens with each financial request.</p> <p>Discussion on who could store the wheelchair ramps – Brad Brown volunteered</p> <p>January Executive Board meeting. Please refer meeting summary emailed January 16th</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>See New Business for votes on #1 and #3</p> <p>Thank you Brad!</p> <p>Information accepted</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p>	<p><b>Website Committee:</b> Bob F for Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship information for 2019 added to home page and “fillable” PDF scholarship form added to “Forms and Scholarship” page</li> <li>• Added St Cloud VAMC Virtual Health Center information to website</li> <li>• 33,827 website visitors (total) – 875 since last meeting</li> <li>• Tweet sent out for tonight’s meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource/Brochure Committee Report:</b> Gail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Billboard Committee:</b> Brad B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No activity due to weather</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Service Resource Coordinator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair position to be appointed this month</li> </ul> <p><b>BYR Friends Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair position to be appointed this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Packages for the Deployed Community Liaison:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report – Chair position to be appointed this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Congregational Committee:</b> Brent L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CVSO Office had two boxes of New Testament bibles. Brent L picked them up and has personalized them with our ICBYR logo sticker. A message from</li> </ul>	<p>Information accepted</p>

	<p>ICBYR will be added before they are donated to be sent overseas with soldier boxes</p> <p><b>School Liaison:</b> Randy P</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report, Chair absent</li> <li>• Waiting to hear from Superintendent Queener</li> </ul> <p><b>Law Enforcement Liaison:</b> Bob F for Scott F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Scholarship Committee:</b> Bruce D &amp; Dan J</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article today in Isanti County News early January featuring 2018 winners</li> <li>• School visits will begin next week</li> <li>• Application deadline March 15</li> <li>• Scholarships awarded at April Task Force meeting</li> <li>• All 2018 Scholarships now paid!! Great grades for all students. KM has now graduated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> Gail G  2019 Dinner Dance planning going well. Date is March 23, 2019. Theme changed to “The Roaring Twenties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raffle tickets printed and now available for sale – includes wine wagon, booze barrel and beer buggy. Encouraging task force members to sell tickets.</li> <li>• Gail looking for silent auction theme baskets and donations and also volunteers. Gail would like the silent auction items delivered to her prior to the dinner/dance</li> <li>• Susan M will be in charge of the dessert auction</li> <li>• Jeff is cooking and there will be a special dinner auctioned (prime rib and lobster)</li> <li>• Polaris Battalion will assist</li> <li>• Will hire bartender</li> <li>• Dinner/dance tickets are \$30 per individual or \$240 for a table of eight</li> <li>• KBK radio will advertise along with our printed flyers. Flyers available soon. Also on our Facebook page</li> <li>• Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the February Task Force meeting</li> </ul> <p>Anonymous Donation: Gail reported that a check for \$5,000 was received in yesterday’s mail!! The donor wishes to remain anonymous. This is an individual donor from outside of Isanti</p>	<p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Information accepted</p> <p>Thank you donor!!</p>
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	<p>County who wishes to thank us for what we do. Jim R commented that our work does not go unnoticed.</p> <p><b>Investment Coordinator Quarterly Report:</b> Gail G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio down some, but still have gained over \$5400 in interest income</li> </ul>	
<b>Upcoming Events ICBYR</b>	<p><b>ICBYR Events:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “The Roaring Twenties” Dinner Dance – March 23, 2019</li> </ol>	Information accepted
<b>Old Business</b>	None	
<b>New Business:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Military family in need – payment of \$2,661.14 requested for January and February mortgage payments. Includes a past due amount on the January bill.</li> <li>2) CVSO requesting gas gift cards for the office. After discussion motion made to purchase 12 gas only gift cards at \$25 each (total = \$300)</li> <li>3) After discussion it was decided to also offer gas only gift cards to the Family Assistance Center at the AFRCC in Cambridge.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Dan J) to approve payment of the Jan &amp; Feb mortgage bills. <b>Motion approved.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Brad B) and seconded (Bob F) to purchase gas only gift cards for CVSO office. Total purchase \$300.00. <b>Motion approved.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Bob F) and seconded (Brad B) to purchase gas only gift cards for the FAC. Total purchase \$300.00 (Twelve gift cards at \$25 each). <b>Motion approved.</b></p>
<b>Open Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief discussion on the need for an ICBYR Historian. Please let Jim R know if you are interested</li> <li>ICBYR Directory is being updated. Please add your information if you wish to be included</li> <li>A reminder that the VA Health Enrollment Fair is January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rum River Event Center (by the Isanti VFW). You do need to bring documentation – see flyer for details.</li> </ul>	Information accepted
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>Motion:</b> A motion was made by (Jim J) and seconded (Curtis A) to adjourn

		meeting. <b>Motion approved &amp; meeting adjourned at 2034</b>
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Submitted by: Carol Ann Smith, ICBYR Secretary

**Next Meeting: February 21, 2019 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](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_result.php?body=House&search=committee&session=0902017&committee_id=90022&submit_committee=GO)