

# Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

## Executive Board Meeting Summary

January 12, 2022

Isanti County Government Center

Members Present: Jim Rostberg, Dave Oslund, Kathy Rostberg, Carol Ann Smith, Gail Genin, Brad Brown, Erin Yerigan (for Dan Meyer)

Members Absent: Jesse Peck

Guests: Susan Morris

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action
<b>Welcome New Board Members</b>	<p>With the new ICBYR Bylaws we are adding 3 members to the ICBYR Board of Directors. The CVSO will be an ex-officio non-voting permanent member. Two ICBYR Committee Chairs will rotate on the BOD in 2 year terms. We welcome Brad Brown (Chair-Billboard Committee) and Jesse Peck (Law Enforcement Liaison)! These committee chairs were selected by a random drawing of Committee names and they accepted the invitation to be on the BOD.</p>
Veterans/ CVSO Issues	<p><u>Veteran Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CVSO Request for assistance: new furnace needed - \$3500 – approved by Board - will take to Task Force for vote</li> <li>b. CVSO Request for assistance: car payment \$699.14 and car insurance \$215.03; employment – payment of bills approved by Board – to Task Force for vote. CVSO working with veteran on employment issue</li> <li>c. CVSO Request for assistance : veteran injured – caregiver for wife – needs assistance – Community Service Resource Coordinator worked with CVSO on resources</li> <li>d. CVSO Request for assistance: microwave installation – initiated discussion on when ICBYR goes to homes. Is it just for health and safety reasons or for any assistance needed?</li> </ol> <p>Discussion held on when ICBYR task force members should go to veteran’s home to provide assistance. After discussion it was decided that we do want to provide at home service when appropriate. It is not limited to health and safety reasons, but whatever the veteran needs help with as long as we can provide it, and it is not something a professional should be doing (i.e. furnace repair, electrical work).</p> <p>We will make it a policy that we do not give out our personal contact information to the veterans. They must go through the CVSO or the ICBYR duty phone.</p> <p>When possible, 2 volunteers should go to a home. If it is a home of a female veteran or female surviving spouse, then one of the volunteers <b>must</b> be a woman.</p> <p>We will be ordering name tags/ID cards for ICBYR volunteers. A reminder ICBYR does carry insurance on the task force members to cover them when volunteering.</p>
Fundraising Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In 2021 ICBYR had \$36,000 in unsolicited donations</li> <li>- Our gross income has exceeded \$60,000 in 2021 so we need to file taxes. Gail will check with Newton Financial Services to find out the cost of tax preparation by them</li> <li>- Sage Cleaning – November promotion - % to ICBYR – will present check at January Task Force meeting along with Ascencion Roofing and Siding who is giving a matching donation</li> <li>- Susan present to update us on the 2022 Dinner Dance. Planning Committee is meeting. Date rescheduled to May 7 due to scheduling conflict at the AFRCC. New theme “Cinco de Mayo”. May have outdoor options if weather allows. Looking for beer sponsor.</li> </ul>
Investment Coordinator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January statement not yet available</li> <li>- In 2021, investments up 30%. Over \$6800 in dividends received that were re-invested</li> <li>- Discussion held and we will not make any changes to investments at this time</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on how much money to keep in checking account. Will keep an operating budget of \$40,000. Amounts over \$50,000 will be considered for transfer to the investment account</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- American Legion Riders of Zimmerman Bingo Fundraiser for ICBYR – January 22 at noon</li> <li>- Dinner Dance May 7</li> </ul>
Chamber of Commerce Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gail attended the Braham meeting last night. They offered to include the ICBYR scholarship poster in their County News Review ad. Will also place on their Chamber page. Will include ICBYR brochure in new resident mailing packets. Annual Chamber meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Park Café at 5:00 pm.</li> <li>- Carol Ann will attend North 65 Chamber next week</li> </ul>
Scholarship Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interview with County News Review went well. Will have article in the January 20<sup>th</sup> paper. Poster designed and is being printed. Plan interview on WCMP radio</li> </ul>
Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No new applications</li> </ul>
Open Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gail stated that the Pine City Blue Star Moms Christmas mailing of boxes to the troops had 20 boxes returned to them. They are re-assessing their process for mailing. They returned boxes were distributed to the homeless in St. Paul</li> </ul>
January ICBYR Task Force Agenda	<p>Presentation: None</p> <p>Old Business: None</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voting on Veterans Needs</li> </ul> <p>Open Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Veterans’ H.O.P.E. On The River update</li> <li>○ YYROC report</li> <li>○ Mental Health First Aid Class – Jan 26</li> </ul>

Call to Order: 1410 by Chair Jim R

Adjourn: 1610 (Carol Ann, Dave)

Meeting summary respectfully submitted by:

Carol Ann Smith - ICBYR Secretary