

## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Veteran's Memorial Park Committee meeting

Present: Gary DeBord   Randy Hardin   Mike Cechetti   Keane Hudson  
Al Wikoff   Tom Bushman   Dave Lahey   Rich Sanders  
Li Arellano

Meeting opened at 6:33 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment: None

Minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich S. seconded by Tom B. and passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's report was presented and discussed. A motion to accept the report was made by Keane H. seconded by Gary D. and passed by voice vote.

H.Q. Tom B. Nothing, field watches need batteries.

Artifacts: Al W. Nothing done over the winter. Got a first aid kit for the helo, that is more correct for the time period. Could use a mannequin for the helo cockpit. Pilot that donated the helmets has passed. Dan Smith also donated a helmet and it would be nice to get him here to visit.

Grounds: Al W. Chuck Willett has an end loader and trucks to move dirt. City has shipped asphalt to do the fill.

Flags: Gary D. New flags in, no accounting has been done yet to see what we have on hand. Keane H. Chris has old flags to see if they can be repaired.

VMP website: Dave L. Update ready, need Purple Heart picture. He will run it by the committee when ready.

Stones: Rich S. Very few so far, only 7 for June ceremony. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the cutoff date.

Old Business

Visitors Center sign: Dave L. He will get with Morely to get the sign to add to the HQ.

Legacy stone/sidewalk repairs: Keane H. he has talked with Scott about resetting the stones and breaking concrete for future stones. A better edging could help keep the stones in place.

Pancake Breakfast: Took in \$753.25, but bills are yet to come in.

Service Dog memorial: Mike C. Prices on stones, Moore's gave a price, Granite Works still waiting on price. Moore would help advertise and promote. Rich S. has prices from his source also.

Storage Building: Keane H. Working on numbers, need to see how funds are being spent on airplane and such.

F86L: Al W. Cost may run similar to the F105. Randy had a picture flyer made up to seek donations and use for press release. Recon needs to be made first then decide whether to proceed or not. Air Force is waiting until the end of March to get a decision.

New Business

Li A. the city council has OK'ed the selling the deuce and ½ truck, and also can assist with fountain work. Randy H. updated brochure passed around, Motion to buy 1,000 brochures from Creative Printing made by Rich S, seconded by Mike C. and passed by voice vote.

Dave L. Cookout at Oliver's May 20<sup>th</sup>.

2017 wish list, bring some items to put on the list next meeting.

Keane H. 2017 duty roster passed out. If there is any swapping let him and the HQ post know.

Dave L. Due to his new job, he will not be able to continue as chairperson. Elections for the 2017 year will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dave L. meeting with the Mayor Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This was an invite from Charlie Thomas as the museum committee chair. Rich S., Keane H., and Dave L., to discuss with the Mayor the 501C3 and what it may do for the park.

#### Commissioners Comments

Al W. Gun Raffle- he will seek out the lowest priced guns to maximize profit. Sig 320 40 Cal, Glock 43, 9mm either a Remington 870 or a Mossberg 500 slug guns with scopes and interchangeable barrels. More guns may be added later, or if anyone wants to look at other shops and prices.

Keane H. Did we add Tom Houck to the honorary list? Rich S. It will be noted on the Stone ceremony hand out.

Rich S. Do we want to fill the empty seats on the committee? We are authorized 16 members, currently have 13 active and 1 (John Carlson) inactive.

Dave L. website will now only list members not specific committee assignments.

Keane H. Carolyn Leak has two old newspapers with articles about the American Legion. Bryan Ohlmstead a re-enactor has WW2 uniforms he wants to donate.

Next meeting in Wed March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the park HQ, 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom B. seconded by Gary D. passed by voice vote. At 8:23 pm.

Submitted by Randy Hardin