

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead Minutes

11 December 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Hunt at 8:30am.

Members: Brad Hurajt, David Morse, Vince Dicks, Jennifer Williams, Cher Hersrud, Mark Altenburgh, Tom Figliuzzi, Jim Haney, Bernie Reynolds, Mark Miller, Grant Weyland, Mike McCarthy, Gary Olson, JoAnn Czerwinski, Amy Gunkelman, Jeri Vaudrin, Tim Haugen, Dan Hunt and Les Bakke.

New members introduced themselves.

Secretary's report:

October and November reports accepted as posted on the web.

Treasurers Report:

Hunt provided a brief update on the treasurer's report.

Opening Balance 1 November 2014		\$13,771.44
Income – Fundraiser	\$ 420.00	
Fundraiser	\$ 110.00	
Expenses		
First Ave Promo - Shirts	\$ 90.00	
VFW National Home	\$1,000.00	
Minnesota Warriors Hockey	\$1,262.00	
VFW Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 300.00	
Minnesota Veterans Home	\$2,701.00	
VA Recreational Fund	\$2,701.00	
Clay County VSO	\$ 700.00	
Closing Balance 30 November 2014		\$ 5,547.44
Accepted as presented		

VSO Update:

Figliuzzi provided an update on VSO activities. Figliuzzi reported on the Cass/Clay Veterans Gap Fund and provided a history of its conception. The Gap Fund is funds for veterans who have exhausted all other funding options. Jennifer Williams from the VSO provided some examples of its use. Figliuzzi asked for funds from the local veterans organizations. Several members asked questions. Cher Hersrud from the FM Area Foundation provided information on how they manage the funds and answered questions. The current balance is about \$15,000.

Figliuzzi provided an update on the Clay County Veterans Court. Williams will be the VSO representative and provided an update on activities. They are in the pilot status right now.

National Guard Report: No report.

Christmas party update: Hunt and Haugen reported on recent Christmas programs.

Minnesota Military Family Tribute report: Haugen provided an update, the recommendations have been submitted to the State.

Old Business

Treasurer's position: Hunt reported that Joe Butler has accepted a new position and has resigned as Treasurer. Hunt appointed Tim Haugen to serve the remainder of the term, until spring elections.

New Business:

State BTYR Network Checklist to be completed by the end of December. BTYR Executive Committee will complete the report.

State sponsored regional meetings for 2015:

Mark Altenburg from M|State provided an update. M|State applied to host the event during the May 19 – 21, 2015 dates.

Gary Olson reported that the National American Legion Commander will be in Moorhead on Monday, February 2 at the Legion Post. Breakfast at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Bakke, Secretary