

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON - MOORHEAD

December 10, 2015

Members attending: Dan H., Vince S., Brad H., Barbara G., Grant W., Eric M., Mark S., Gary O., Curtis A., Curtis C., John P., Tim H., Gail B.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Les Bakke

Secretary's Report: Copies were made and handed out to the members for review. Curt W. made a motion to accept the secretary's report, second by Vince. Motion was carried.

Treasurers Report: Copies were made and handed out to the members. Motion was made by Grant W. and second by Dan H. to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Guard Report: Brad reported that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony went quite well at the armory. This week-end they will all be at Camp Ripley.

VSO Report: Clay County Service Officer Curtis Cannon gave a report on a new program. This program is called "Keys for Heroes". The MN Dept of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) created the MN Homeless Veterans Registry so that they know every Veteran facing homelessness by name, understand their needs, and can work with them to secure housing. When Veterans join the Registry, they are assigned caseworkers that can identify the best resources and housing available to support the Veteran and their family. Private landlords and property owners are critical to this program. They have to sign up thru the state and go by guidelines. Curtis said that he is very excited about this program. He also stated that the Holiday Party for the volunteers was very successful and was amazed at the many hours of time that they had put in during the year. It was told that he is not a good Christmas Gift Wrapper!

Old Business: Tim reminded us that the check presentation from the Fund Raiser will be this Monday night Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fargo VA on the 2nd Floor. The check that will go to the Fergus Falls Veterans Home will be done on December 30th at 2:00 p.m.

New Business: Treasurer Tim H. presented the Proposed 2016 BTYR Budget. Motion was made by Grant W. and 2nd by Vince to accept. Motion was carried. Dan H., brought to the members attention that Tim can pay out any checks that are itemized on the budget but can not write checks for non itemized, that would have to come to the floor. Mark S. wanted BTYR to sponsor the Operation Home Front Program. There are about 7 Dollar Stores that are involved with this. Curt made a motion to accept this and Grant 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Good of the Order/Announcements: Dan H. said that there would be a Pancake Breakfast on December 19th at Dilworth VFW Post #1223 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. put on

by the Men's Auxiliary. Tim mentioned that the 1st Honor Flight that went had 91 on it and that they received about 170 applications. He also brought to our attention that it costs about \$150,000.00 to send a group. The next proposed fund raiser for the Honor Flight is set up to start off April 17, 2016 at the Moorhead Legion. There will be much more information on this. Dan told of one Veteran that was able to go on the Honor Flight and has now past away.

The next meeting will be on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Dilworth VFW Post #1223.

Happy Holidays and a Very Happy New Year to you and your families

Respectively Submitted By,

Gail Brekke
Secretary