

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee Meeting  
November 17, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Obach at 8:30.

Member present: Julie Goehring, Les Bakke, Mike Obach, Tom Dubbels, Dan Hunt, Vern Nolting, Jeri Vaudrin, Laurie Johnson, Lynne Kovash, Eric Marts, Mark Sjostrom, Russ Richards, Mark Hintermeyer, Erik Engberg, Lisa Roesch, Tom Figliuzzi and Brad Hurajt.

New members were introduced. Russ Richards presented the mission of Rebuilding Together.

Hunt/Kovash moved that Bakke be authorized to sign the agreement with the FM Area Foundation. Bakke and Chadwick will develop a draft budget. VFW and American Legion both have allocated donations for our group. Bakke modified a by-laws from another Minnesota community and will forward it to the group.

Obach and Johnson led a discussion on how to recruit, assign and manage our volunteer program. Chadwick reported on how the Moorhead Business Association would like to provide volunteers. The MBA requested that requests be routed through Chadwick. Discussion followed on the timeliness of responses.

Kovash presented the Education/Youth plan, it will be sent to all committee members. Discussion followed in the Higher Education component.

Hintermeyer reported on the City Leadership plan. Hintermeyer will get a endorsing resolution from city council and county commission.

Hunt reported on the Public Safety plan. Moorhead PD and Fire are willing to distribute business cards for BTYR with our message.

Tom Figliuzzi offered the Clay County Veterans Service Office to use the backside of the VSO business card to have the Yellow Ribbon contact information be listed on the same card. The rationale is that each county has a VSO and they are well established veteran entities for the community, especially due to the fact that each VSO has a constant presence of staff. If the committee agrees that they would want the contact information published with the Clay County VSO, and it is so voted to do so, the BYTR would then provide the VSO the yellow ribbon contact information for printing on their business card. The VSO stated that this is conditional as: There must be a clear handoff once a call comes in for the Yellow Ribbon. If that handoff does not happen then the VSO would have to cease serving as that focal point as the VSO cannot be performing the function of the Yellow Ribbon from his office. Sjostrom volunteered to have his office listed on the card.

Vaudrin reported on the Veterans event at the Hjemkomst Center

Hunt/Hintermeyer moved to authorize \$300 to the HHC 2-136, Minnesota Army National Guard, Holiday Social.

Next meeting will 8 December 2011 at 8:30 at the VFW in Dilworth.