

## **BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON -MOORHEAD MEETING - NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

**Members attending:** Mark S., Brad H., Barbara A., Gary O., Lois B., JoAnn C., JoAnn C., John P., Curt C., Amy G., Jim H., Aaron J., Grant W., Tim H., Dan H., Gail B.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Tim Haugen at 9:00 a.m. at Post #1223

**Secretary's Report:** Copies were handed out and read. Dan H. made a motion to accept the secretary report as read and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant W. Motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies were handed out and read. Dan H. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant W. Motion was carried.

The fundraiser for the FargoVA/Fergus Falls Veterans Home for their Recreational Funds amounted to \$5,533.00. Tim would like the check in the amount of \$2,766.50 to be presented to the Fargo VA on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They will be holding their Christmas Party on that evening and Tim thought it would be nice for them to receive it there. Tim would like to see each organization represented there at the time they will receive it. Motion was made by Dan H. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant W. to give the check at that time.

The adjusted balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 was \$5,658.55. The income, expenses and outstanding checks were on Tim's financial report that was handed out.

**VSO Report:** Curt said that the Christmas Party for the volunteers would be held on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at Ushers. Curt said that he is seeing many new veterans faces. He is out attending many things within the community. He also brought up the ceremony at the bridge for Veterans Day and said that it was very good. Curt is learning many new things and enjoying meeting new people.

**Guard Report:** November 15<sup>th</sup> will be the ribbon cutting at the Moorhead Armory for the new weight room equipment for the National Guard.

**Fund Raiser Report:** Tim covered the expenses and what was received in during his report. Dan mentioned that he would like to hold another fundraiser next year but would like to do it at an earlier date.

**Old Business:** Minnesota Warriors Ice Hockey Team will be playing at the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena on Friday night. They will be playing against Moorhead Locals and all proceeds from the event will go to the Minnesota Warriors Ice Hockey Team. After the game they will have a Taco Bar at the Dilworth VFW Post #1223.

**New Business:** The proposed budget for 2016 will be brought to the floor at December's meeting for approval. If you have any ideas or suggestions for what you would like to see included in this please contact President Bakke.

Tim said that the American Legion is starting to make plans for the next Honor Flight. As of right now it is scheduled at the Legion for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. They will be having a

silent auction and would like to have many patriotic items for this event. More information will be coming out.

**Announcements:** Many attending the meeting brought up different events that were held in the area for Veterans Day. Tim went to Hawley where a 92 year old World War 2 Veteran was presented with the medals that he never received. Major Eckert pinned the medals and the Boy Scouts posted the Colors for the day. Karen H. was at DGF School where she did a presentation on the Buddy Poppy. Dave Morse with the Wounded Warriors Guide was the speaker. The students want to know where the cemetery's in Clay County are all at so they can go put flags on Veterans graves on Memorial Day. The VFW Post #1223 Auxiliary did a program at Eventide Nursing Home. Also, we learned that one half of the population at the Pelican Rapids Nursing Home are Veterans or Veterans spouses.

Aaron brought up that MSUM was doing their clothing and food drive. They are doing a chili feed with donations going to the Veteran's. VFW Post #1223 Commander Joe Butler could be contacted at the Veterans Outreach at the Fargo VA.

After listening to many events the meeting was adjourned by Treasurer Tim Haugen at 9:07 a.m.

Next meeting will be at Dilworth VFW Post #1223 on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Respectively Submitted By,

Gail Brekke