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June 16, 2020

Conference meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, John Chandler, Bruce Warkentin, Christian Sauer, Joe Boucher, Cheryl Samborski, Rhonda Villanova, Steven Villanova

Approval of last meeting minutes: Chris 1st, Chery 2nd; Motion approved

New Business:

Joe – Reviewed the spreadsheet of veteran burials in order to assess how many medallions will be needed for graves.

John T. asked whether Al Lewandoski had any medallions left. Chris said he may only have 2 left.

John T. asked how many medallions the budget would allow. Chris said about 44. Chris drove to the Flag Guys, in Newburgh, New York to compare the quality to what has been purchased in the past. He found they are identical to what Al had been getting. The medallions at Flag Guys are: \$37.95, about 3 lb apiece, polished bronze, any style is the same price, from the Revolutionary War to current conflicts.

John T. has been in touch with the Finance department to determine the budget and the deadline for ordering the medallions. He asked the committee whether to order a mixture of medallions for whichever conflicts, or a generic US Veteran medallion.

Motion made to order as many standard medallions as budget allows: Chris 1st, John C. 2nd. Motion approved.

John T. asked Chris if he needs the town to reach out to the company. Chris said the town will need to get the tax situation taken care of and issue the Purchase Order. Also, in order to save on shipping and handling, the town office should contact Chris once the medallions are ready to pick up. Chris shared the information as: The Flag Guys, New Windsor, NY, Al is the contact/owner; GAB34 is the model code for the US Veteran medallion. We may need to order as many as 36 – 40 a year.

Chris ran through what the AHPC budget (currently about \$4400) covered so far this year (including Wreaths from WAA, flags, cleaning of plaques), ensuring that the company that cleaned the cemetery from the WAA was paid. Rhonda noted that we did not have the expense of programs for Memorial Day this year, which would have been around \$125 if no discounts were given.

Cheryl reminded the committee that Ellington's American Legion Women's Auxiliary was closing. She hopes to join the Rockville Auxiliary to continue service. She said in order to use monies remaining, they donated a couple hundred to the bench for the memorial at the center of town. She asked the committee if she should keep in touch with Joe Palombizio regarding the monument/bench installation schedule. The members agreed she should.

Chris asked about the status of the WAA signs; they need to be reprinted with new data. John C. said he was organizing the storage area where they are and he will get them to Chris. There are two old signs and there are two new ones – so total of four. They need two more steel posts.

Motion to adjourn: Joe 1st, Chris 2nd; motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.; next meeting TBD

Submitted by:
Rhonda Villanova

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