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Bruce Warkentin

Student Representative
Steven Villanova



May 19, 2020

Conference meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, Bruce Warkentin, Christian Sauer, Joe Boucher, Ted Graziani, Sara Landon, Rhonda Villanova, Steven Villanova

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

New Business:

John T. said Joe mentioned raising and lowering of the flags on Memorial Day. Joe checked with the town. He has adjusted flags in the past, bringing them down in the morning and then raising them up after the ceremony. If there is no one from the town to do it, Joe will handle it. Joe confirmed he would be at the green to install the crosses at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21st.

Flag placement at the cemetery will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday as well. The Scout Master will be there. It is not a sanctioned event for the Boy Scouts, but there should be several scouts helping out. CERT has about 4 people signed up to help. Joe Palombizio had sent out a message to the Veterans about flag placement, so John T. couldn't say exactly how many people would be there. He said he would be there between 5:40 and 6:00 p.m. He would make sure to grab some flags to put at Crystal Lake cemetery and the library cemetery.

Alternate Memorial Day Observance:

Rhonda gave the status of the Memorial Day video she and Steven were working on. She went down the list of the outline she sent out previously. Chris Davis had sent a video, she had asked him to remove writing from it and he was going to resend. She was still waiting for pictures of Karol Kolesinski from his niece. The search continues for Meidel Hansen and Ernest Hoffman photos. There were a few items in the outline that were removed due to time constraints. Pastor Diggins is working on a segment to place in the latter half, more like a closing prayer he would say at the cemetery at the end of our usual services. Rhonda and Steven were able to capture footage of the rescheduled fly-over to include. There is a rough draft almost ready to send to the committee, hopefully within the next 24 hours.

Bruce confirmed he would like to have a small ceremony on Monday, the 25th at 11:30 a.m. We could meet at about 11:15. John T. said he would bring the speaker and canopy like he did last year. Bruce would like to make a Welcome statement. We could do the Pledge of Allegiance/ National Anthem. He would talk briefly about the meaning and importance of Memorial Day. The Roll Call would be read. Matt Delassus is sending a bugler to play TAPS and we could have a closing prayer. Bruce asked if we could put out a notice on Facebook/Ellington Friends through the town maybe: this will be an American Legion/VFW event, if anyone was interested in coming, social distancing or staying in cars would be appropriate at this time. John T. said he would put something together to send to Julia Connor at the town offices.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.; next meeting TBD

Submitted by:
Rhonda Villanova

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Villanova", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.