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February 25, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of last meeting minutes: Chris 1st, Cheryl 2nd

New business: Chris reported there are now 341 wreaths purchased for next December's WAA ceremony. That is 70% of our goal. Chris also had flyers to post for WAA 2020 to start soliciting early for the remainder of wreaths. Bruce suggested sending out Thank you notes to the EVFD, the Women's Club, and the American Legion. He said there was no need to thank the VFW since he and Ted are members and can do that in person.

Memorial Day: Rhonda said she will call to confirm whether LouAnn is still a part of the prep team at town hall now that Rebecca Einseidel has been hired as a new administrative assistant. Julia took over many of the tasks from LouAnn, but the task list will need to reflect current contacts. Rhonda also passed the current contact list around the room to see if any committee members had changes to make.

John C. mentioned the forms for Department of Transportation need to be submitted. He believed there were (2) letters for highway use in order to receive a permit for the parades because of the (2) locations. There are also Public Event request forms for the National Guard, an aviation form for the fly-over, and a non-aviation form for the marchers needed for the parade(s). There was a brief discussion regarding whether we could get a Chinook, but they don't come out of Bradley. The C5s are out of Westover, as are the F15s. Steven is handling the fly-over request paperwork as he did last year. John C. will need the request number from that form in order to complete the non-aviation request for marchers.

Regarding the special speaker, Bruce asked if we wanted to choose (2) family names from the Roll Call list to interview. There had been a mention of someone doing a research project on the Roll Call list in

the past – Mike Stupinski. Cheryl and Rhonda suggested asking Mike if he might want to make a speech about his research. Bruce will call to ask him if there is an interest to do that. Joe B. mentioned a youtube video he saw regarding Memorial Day and Flag Day – with a Johnny Cash song. Maybe we can come up with some ideas from watching it. Rhonda mentioned her video work, maybe she can put something together to go with Mike Stupinski's research, a montage of some sort. The high school has the pull down screen or as has been done at other presentations - pictures or video can be projected to the side of the stage on the walls.

Cheryl mentioned they were closing the Women's Auxiliary down due to lack of new members. They would make sure the flowers are at the ceremonies this year. Bruce asked if their work could be folded in with the VFW. It will be discussed further at another time.

Joe asked if there was an update regarding the soldier statue for the green. The statue is locked away until the prep-work for the site can be done. Joe Palombizio had hoped it could be installed this spring with a ceremony, but there has been a delay due to sidewalk and light fixture work scheduled in the area.

Motion to adjourn: Joe 1st; Chris 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next mtg: scheduled for March 24, 2020, Town Hall Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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