

RAVI Board of Director's Meeting / December 5, 2011  
Racine Veteran's Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:34.

Pledge was led by J. Christensen; prayer led by T. Yorgan.

Secretary – D. Patton

- Roll call – attached
- Ali Nelsen, CVSO , in attendance
- Minutes of November 7, 2011; accepted as printed.

Treasurer - D. Wyatt

- Absent - no report

Webmaster - C. Breckenridge

- no report – absent for the beginning of the meeting

Museum Committee – D. Patton reporting for J Hart:

- Ongoing work and research on the Knapp Exhibit. Our plans are to have the exhibit up shortly after the beginning of 2012.

Veteran's Center – T. Yorgan/J. Sadowski:

- 20 turkeys were donated by Family Video, all were given to our Veteran's
- 812 passed the Fire Inspection; in good shape except for the roof. Limited amount of work can be done due to the weather.
- 810 also in good shape other than the roof. Richard Christensen looked at taking the fire escape off, he recommended not taking it off and suggested it be repaired/replaced as there needs to be a departure from the upstairs because the back hall staircase is not the appropriate size to use to vacate the building. Wagner Construction in Milwaukee will be contacted for an estimate. H. Olsen also said he may know someone that might be able to help out.

Veteran's Benefits and Welfare – B. May

- No report, but will keep us informed.

Post Reports:

- No report

Unfinished Business :

- Burlington Veteran's Terrace – group from RAVI went to Burlington to meet with the group that was responsible for getting their new building built.
- J. Christensen noted:
  - ✓ Impressed with setting and building
  - ✓ Their focus is to raise money thru banquets and weddings

- ✓ There is no bar and no kitchen
- ✓ Catering is available only through local caterers
- ✓ The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs were involved
- ✓ There was a Foundation that donated and was involved with the project
- ✓ Serves as more of a Community Center than a Veteran's Center
- B. May noted that their Terrace reminds him of our Memorial Hall
- S. Heether noted:
  - ✓ Veteran's have to fit into the schedule of the Terrace, they do not have 1<sup>st</sup> choice
  - ✓ \$1.00 month lease for 99 years from the City.
  - ✓ The Burlington Community Fund was created and is made up of various community citizens.
- D. Niesen noted that he felt there needs to be a kitchen to prepare for the many fundraisers.
- J. Christensen noted that everyone needs to speak their mind and not hesitate to give their suggestion. All of the Veteran's need to be on board with this.
- C. Breckenridge suggested that a slide show be put together and a visit made to all the organizations to present the idea and gather suggestion/opinions.
- S. Heether noted that we need a variety of people working on various committees.
- S. Heether asked for a meeting with Mayor Dickert, before the holidays, possibly on Monday evening. D. Patton will call to set it up.

New Business:

- C. Breckenridge – reported that our software is not compatible with the server. To fix the problem, we will need 2 new software programs at \$600.00 each and a new computer at \$800.00 for a total of around \$2000.00. S. Heether authorized the purchase.
- A. Winter is our new buildings and grounds guy.
- R. Turner was in jail for MD, raised about \$1600.00
- J. Christensen talked about the stand-down. He and the CVSO will be working on the details. Date of stand-down is TBA, the next meeting to discuss issues is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at @2:00 p.m. Looking at a half day event in the morning. More info to follow.
- There was a motion for the Veteran's Center to be made available for the Stand-Down by S, Heether; seconded by D. Patton, all were in favor.

Next meeting: January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.