

RAVI Board of Director's Meeting / November 7, 2011
Racine Veteran's Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

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

Guest: Mayor John Dickert

- Spoke about the Veteran's Terrace in Burlington
- The Burlington Center does justice to the Veterans and is sustainable
- Would make "Downtown" a place to go
- Suggested that RAVI, the Mayor of Burlington and the group from Burlington's Veteran's Terrace meet to discuss details. Mayor Dickert said he would be happy to set the meeting up.
- T. Yorgan made a motion for our Mayor to setup an informational meeting between RAVI, the Mayor of Burlington and their group from the Veteran's Terrace. Seconded by S. Heether; all were in favor.
- Mayor Dickert suggested that once we are ready to proceed, we would have a press conference to announce the plans to the public; he said that communication is key.

Secretary – D. Patton

- Roll call – attached
- Minutes of October 19, 2011, approved

Treasurer - ?

- It was noted that Greg Gruynas and James Yorgan were going to jointly cover the position of Treasurer.
- Report was passed out. Motion by H. Kahlert to accept the report subject to audit, seconded by J. Hart.
- B. May has a bill for \$500.00 from VVA 767 for work done at the Memorial Park, is looking for guidance as to how it's to be paid.

Webmaster - C. Breckenridge

- 20% increase in activity over last month
- Would like to upgrade the software, there is a one- time software fee and a monthly fee for the internet service
- S. Heether asked to get a \$\$ cost for the upgrade ASAP so the board can act on it. C. Breckenridge thought it should be around \$1200.00

Museum Committee – J. Hart

- Continue to work on the Knapp Exhibit, completed the story boards and they are ready to be printed.
- Moved the meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Veteran's Benefits and Welfare –S. Heether for B. May

- Secretary of Veteran's Affairs has formed a "Secretary Circle", an unusual group of people which meets in the middle of the day, very hard for working people to attend.

Veteran's Center – A. Winter

- Club, Inc. – new Board of Directors, A. Winter is Vice-President
- Everything seems to be running well

Monuments – J. Sadowski

- Red Arrow Park on Hwy 32, seems as though neighbors are being offered the opportunity to buy the Park so that adjustments can be made to straighten the road. A group of Active 82nd members help maintain the area. S. Heether said it's a state monument and they own it and it's a special assessment for the property.
- Improving the appearance of the cannons in Veteran's Plaza from the money raised from the corn roast at the Party on the Pavement. However, S. Heether noted that Ken Duncan needs to get permission from Post #1391 and needs to follow procedure, thru the proper channels.
- Laid blocks at the Park and it looks really nice
- Fire escape will be eliminated per order of the Fire Dept.
- Wind damage, waiting for bids

Post Reports:

- VVA – 767: Pasty Fundraiser on Dec. 4th
- Post 1391: Stew feed on Veteran's Day
- Post 10301: Chili Feed on Dec.7th
- Ladies Aux. #1391: Craft Fair on Veteran's Day beginning at noon

Old Business:

- Veteran's Day:
 - ✓ All seems to be coming along and ready for Friday.
 - ✓ H. Olsen is taking care of the kringle, coffee and stuff. D. Larsen will check with the people at Memorial Hall to make sure everything is there.
 - ✓ D. Patton has the programs
 - ✓ The Choir from Horlick will be there

New business:

- D. Patton passed around flyer from the Veteran's Museum in Anchorage, Alaska. Just a suggestion as how we might be able to generate knowledge on the Museum and possible raise money as well.
- D. Niesen suggested a questionnaire be sent to the various organizations on possible ideas from raising money to general ideas.
- Suggestion of getting business cards for RAVI

Next meeting: December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.