

RAVI Board of Director's Meeting / September 12, 2011  
Racine Veteran's Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pledge was led by J. Christensen; prayer by J. Hart.

Secretary – D. Patton:

- Roll call – see attached
- Minutes of August 1, 2011; motion to approve by J. Christensen, seconded by H. Kahlert. Accepted by all present .
- It was discussed and decided that the minutes would be read aloud beginning at the October meeting.

Treasurer – D. Wyatt (report given by S. Heether):

- T. Yorgan's brother, Jim will meet with Dave Wyatt, and then make a decision.
- It was suggested that there actually be two positions. An Accountant to input data and a Treasurer to approve the data.

Webmaster – C. Breckenridge:

- There has been more activity than last year this time. Exceeded totals from all of last year.
- Hits have been coming from all over the world, with 67 hits from AFG.
- New website is up and running has the same address but every page has changed.
- Still need input from every organization on a regular basis to avoid becoming stagnant.

Museum Committee – D. Patton (reporting for J. Hart):

- Started up our meetings in September. Short on members and would like to see more involved. Anyone interested, please see J. Hart. The more people, the broader range of ideas.
- Beginning to get the library in order. Started packing and labeling the MC memorabilia. Will continue to work on this as well as the Knapp exhibit.

Veteran's Center–J. Sadowski:

- In discussion with RAVI for improved security for the bar area and around the building, nothing is confirmed at this point.
- C. Breckenridge found the old proposals; talking with Racine Amusement for their input.
- Still need water in the 812 property, fence still needs to be moved, nothing firm yet.

Monuments and Memorials –J. Sadowski:

- Clean-up at the Memorial Park on Douglas, hauled away several bags of garbage and weeds.
- With S. Heether's help, there has been clean-up at Pritchard Park.
- Still checking out prices for stone to be used at Pritchard Park. Looking for 2.5 tons of 3/8" – 1/2" starlite black granite.
- C. Breckenridge will check to see if the people at work might be able to use the transit dump trucks to haul, giving them some driving time.

Ex. Comm. – S. Heether:

- Had a meeting with Jim Lister and the owner of Plaza Lanes about having a fundraiser the week prior to Veteran's Day. Would be conducted every day, all day long. Wanted to bring in between \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Asked how the funds would be disbursed to the various organizations such as Wounded Warriors, Building Fund, various organizations within RAVI, Veteran's Center building up keep, etc.
- Motion was made by S. Heether for RAVI to represent the Veteran's Organizations for the event at Plaza Lanes Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Was seconded by A. Winter, all in favor.
- Would need a Color Guard at the beginning of the week. A. Winter said the Color Guard will be available.

Finance – no report

Unfinished Business:

- R. Turner, has a candidate that might want to be President, wants to attend a meeting.
- A. Winter, Vernon Barker is interested in Treasurer and/or President. He mentioned the two people, check & balance, and the two would be working together.
- It was suggested that we get an answer from J. Yorgan, and then proceed with the other interested people.
- S. Heether noted that the President needs to keep the organization running and get along with the rest of the Board. He suggested that A. Winter and R. Turner make contact with Bill Lister for a possible leadership position.
- It was mentioned that it would be nice to have at least a quarterly statement of the finances so we know where we stand. D. Patton will ask D. Wyatt if he will provide such statement.
- St. Cat's has 350 students available to assist in chores in October from 10 – 12.

New Business:

- C. Breckenridge; Daughters of the American Revolution offer grants for historic preservation and other projects. We might want to look into this for future project and/or exhibits.
- The new CVSO is Ali Nelson, US Navy, Ret. J. Christensen will invite him to the next meeting.
- Veteran's Day – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Maybe the new CVSO would like to be our keynote speaker. If not, D. Patton will check into seeing if we can get the Army 1-star that was present at the Memorial Day Program.
- Need to ask the Mayor and our County Ex. To be present. D. Patton will get those letters out to both of them.

Post Reports:

- A. Winter – Marine Corps League – 9/16 and 9/17, Brew Fest. \$50.00 per person per night.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting: October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deb Patton, Secretary