

RAVI Board of Director's Meeting / January 9, 2012
Racine Veteran's Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:31.

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

Secretary – D. Patton

- Roll call – attached
- Minutes of December 5, 2011; accepted as printed
- Guest Mr. Jim Michael, Board member from the VVA

Treasurer - D. Wyatt

- Absent - no report

Club, Inc.

- Geri and Lynn were present to discuss the following issues
 - ✓ Last month the Club lost \$\$\$
 - ✓ There is no balance in checking or savings accounts
 - ✓ The Club is looking for help to survive
 - ✓ Working w/accountant on weekly basis
 - ✓ Looking at different ways to reduce expenses
 - ✓ The Club is \$13,000 down in the last 6 months
- B. May: does Club, Inc. have a Business Plan for the future? Geri said there is no Business Plan, just cutting back on orders trying to make ends meet.
- Geri noted that a couple of picnics have been taken away and are now being held at Pritchard Park. C. Breckenridge responded that they were moved because the Center was not family oriented, not a good place for children to be.
- S. Heether said the lease needs to be looked at and maybe changed. A committee would need to be set up to establish a plan.
- It was noted that one problem was the Fish Fry, which is not consistent on whether it is on or not.
- Geri noted that they don't have the volunteers like they use to. S. Heether stated that there are still the Huber Law people which are free.
- In the meantime, we will be relying on S. Heether for his best judgment on making financial decisions for Club, Inc.
- B. May suggested maybe challenging the other organizations to hold an event at the Center at least once a year.
- D. Larsen stated that lots have changed, the law on drinking (DWI's) and smoking, etc.
- Geri said that video games are extremely down
- B. May noted that if there is no support for Club, Inc. now, how are we going to get the support for the Legacy Center? S. Heether said RAVI is responsible and we should take the lead in supporting Club, Inc. We need to help the income producing entity. We have picked up some of the "pop-up" bills.

Webmaster - C. Breckenridge:

- Upgrade of software, pending other expenses. S. Heether said he has the money to go forward with the purchase.
- S. Heether asked that all the activities be posted on the Webpage. He noted to work with Geri and possibly getting it on Facebook as well.

Executive Board – S. Heether:

- The last few meetings, the Mayor or his representative have been present.
- Need to create a several committees... Motion by S. Heether to create a Facilities Development Committee as a standing committee for the Corp. Seconded by J. Christensen. Motion carries by all that were present. Maybe having Richard Christensen as the Chairman. Motion to create a Capital Campaign Committee, seconded by J. Sadowski. Motion carried by all that were present. J. Christensen will Chair the committee until someone else takes over that knows what the hell is going on.
- Need to create a facility that will appeal to the Community
- Highest producer is a banquet hall, with the Mayor mentioning in making this place the downtown conference hall.

Museum Committee –J Hart:

- New photos will be going on the website
- Still looking for new members to serve on the committee
- Jeep storage paid up thru February 23rd.

Veteran's Benefits and Welfare – B. May:

- Have been contacted by a Veteran that would like to donate 8 acres of land for a "New" Veteran's Center. Property is located on the NE corner of I 94 and Hwy G.
- Remember, the point was made at the meeting in Burlington that it may be cheaper to build "New" than to renovate.
- VA has extended the issues of "Agent Orange" to cover Thailand
- Gulf War; the undiagnosed illness is extended to 5 years
- Union Grove assisted living facility is becoming a nursing facility. It's getting out of the business of assisted living.
- Stand-down coming up. Ali (CVSO) is working on the details with the Veteran's Center
- Crew at Union Grove is certifying local organizations to proceed in conducting funeral arrangements.
- Union Grove Clinic is being renovated

Veteran's Center – J. Sadowski:

- New key pad - \$375.00
- 812 Main – siding reinstalled - \$90.00

Community Programs & Monuments – J. Sadowski:

- Need a rock for the WWII plaque
- Need a new American flag at Pritchard Park, it was suggested to call Jim Metzger at County Parks.

Post Reports:

- VVA: Thoughts for food – Sat.; March 3rd

Next meeting: February 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.