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May 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were: Pete Hany, Jr., Wiley Dumas, Nick Pina, Al Lewandosky, Bruce Warkentin, Ted Graziani, Miranda Graziani, Rhonda Villanova

Wiley welcomed the new members: Nick, Ted and Miranda

A motion was made to approve last meeting's minutes. 1st Al 2nd Pete

Unfinished/New Business: Memorial Day Parade: Wiley spoke to Lori Spielman to contact Pete re: participation in the Memorial Day ceremony. Lori had a question re: being in the parade and speaking at the ceremonies.

A call from the Journal Inquirer was received, asking about parade details. The JI was told they would have to wait until after the May 18th mtg. They were asking whether there was a Grand Marshal and do we have Poppy Queen names yet?

Billy Delaney offered a car for the Poppy Queens.

Pete sent letters out for participation and had only heard from the Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, and Little League. Bob Tedford called once he got a digital document. The Ambulance people called to ask if we were having a parade this year. Did the American Legion receive anything? Louann hasn't received any participant information/calls yet.

Pete getting response re: people reading names at the three ceremonies. Wiley made a motion to have John Allen, Bruce Warkentin, and Andy McCoy read the Honor Roll names.

1st Ted 2nd Peter

Questions we need answers to for the (3) ceremonies: CL/EHS/Ellington cemetery

Peter – who is the MC? John or Andy or Pete need a line up & how long do we speak?

Do we have Lori read her own proclamation? Is she willing to read a proclamation, her own or otherwise?

AI called Rev. Buisch for the Invocation & Benediction at EHS and center cemetery. The Reverend is prepared to speak for both.

The Women's Auxiliary will lay a wreath at the center cemetery.

Pete will reach out to someone on CL-side of town. We have David Milnes (Crystal Lake Association) phone #: 860-803-5261.

What will take place at the center cemetery: (AI) volley, Taps, Benediction

The MC will offer a Thank you to attendees and a reminder of the EHS/cemetery ceremony with 10:30 start at EHS at the end of the Crystal Lake Cemetery ceremony.

The EHS – custodial staff are aware of the need for chairs/sound on the EHS stage. AI has POW table/chair for ceremony.

Pete needs names of Poppy Queens for the J.I. (Tim, reporter)

Bruce will try to contact St. Patrick's Bagpipes.

The EHS band will be playing the National Anthem on stage with band director, Matt Delassus. The TAPS trumpet players are all set.

Bruce will be lining up an EMS student to read "In Flanders Field," and (2) EHS students to read Gettysburg Address and General Logan's Order #11.

Wiley – Jim was asking about forgoing ceremony on center green & just going to the cemetery. A discussion took place of the logistics of doing the whole ceremony in the cemetery, crosses of names at the center green/showing respect, TAPS/volley, Pledge of Allegiance, and a

Benediction. We reached a consensus not to change what is done on the green and keep the activities in the cemetery the same as well.

Ted asked for a few minutes to speak during the EHS ceremony re: Veteran War (Travelling Wall in June), the upcoming Vietnam Vet event in October, and a chance to thank men and women that served in the Nurse Corps and mention the Laotians that served alongside our troops and the thanks they deserved.

Are the flags taken care of? Yes.

Pete reviewed a program from last year's ceremony. We need to determine where changes are needed to update the program from previous years.

Dave Milnes will contact Pastor Maureen (Reeny) Glenholt at Crystal Lake Methodist Church.

Pete is to update the program/will type & distribute out to members. Rhonda agreed to scan the program in and send it to Pete.

A discussion commenced about the role of servicemen – lives changed after 9/11 – and the role of fire service changes.

Rhonda will ask Chris Davis re: attendance at the Memorial Day Parade and whether he is willing to read one of the proclamations.

The number of copies of the programs for Crystal Lake/EHS & Ellington Cemetery determined to be: 75 for CL / 150 for EHS & Ell. Cem.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Rhonda Villanova

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