



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

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Bruce Warkentin  
Vice Chairman



### Student Representative

Miranda Graziani  
Nicholas Pina

January 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**In attendance were:** Bruce Warkentin, Cheryl Samborski, John Takach, Alan Lewandosky, Peter Hany, Jr., Rhonda Villanova, Joe Boucher.

The **Election of Officers** did not take place due to many members not present and waiting for notification from the town if we will be allowed to look for new members.

**WAA Close:** The ceremony in December went well despite the weather being wet and slippery. People attending volunteered to lay the wreaths. Pete was working with the fire department to figure out how much money we would need to collect to get the numbers of wreaths we need for next year. The estimated amount would be \$4500.

**Brainstorming for WAA fundraising:** Pasta Dinner, Store/restaurant 10% of evening proceeds, Booth at Fireman's Fair (just a table to hand out information), Farmer's Market (need approval beforehand), Meet & Greet with members of the Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee (in a hall or church), bring food to Cold Creek Brewery or Hidden Still, have a hall with various vendors (breweries), "Rent a building" – a space to hold a fundraiser (St. Luke's is used by other organizations in town).

**Memorial Day planning begins:** Al said he would order the flags and medallions. Pete has some thoughts on offering a "sponsorship" for businesses to participate in the parade: we give the rules for the parade; sponsorship comes in the form of a donation to the WAA. Would we also offer the option to donate to WAA as part of the package given to other participants in the parade? The American Legion, in the past, organized the parades. At a previous meeting, educational pieces were mentioned regarding the Honor Roll members. Rhonda mentioned it had been done in the past. Do we want to update those pieces? Who had the information from the previous ceremonies and programs? (Cheryl and/or Wiley?) Do we want family members to speak or just include the information in the program? Pete asked whether the Women's Auxiliary #s at the cemetery were included in the 450 for wreath distribution. We want to make sure we have an accurate number if we're raising money for them.

How many cars will we need for the elderly participants in the parades? We can call Arlo Hoffman. Do we want convertibles and/or old cars? Maybe it's time to get a hay wagon with something (hay bales?) to hold the flags.

Bruce will be working with Ellington Middle School on the Patriot's Pen Essay and put the word in for readers for the Memorial Day ceremony. He will try to contact the high school. He will also meet with David Pearson (Principal) at EMS regarding the veteran program/interviews.

Rhonda asked some questions regarding how students become members of the AHPC and the process for choosing high school readers for the ceremony. The committee has an opening for a student representative on the committee and she was going to ask her son, Steven, if he was interested.

A motion was made to adjourn: Al 1<sup>st</sup>, Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Rhonda  
Villanova

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