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Bruce Warkentin

Student Representative
Anthony Chamberlin
Steven Villanova

March 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, Bruce Warkentin, Dennis Kayhart, Ted Graziani, Cheryl Samborski, Chris Sauer, Joseph Boucher and Steven Villanova; guest/pending new student rep: Anthony Chamberlin

Pledge of Allegiance

The committee welcomed new student member, Anthony Chamberlin. Ted reminded us of the welcome home for Vietnam Vets on Friday. The Governor and Lt. Governor will not be in attendance.

Approval of last meeting minutes: John T. read minutes from previous meeting - moved to accept: all in favor. Joe 1st, Chris 2nd

Old Business: Bruce spoke to Rob Binkowski about cleaning monuments. He is waiting for the ground soil to harden to facilitate process. It should definitely be completed by May 1. Bruce will check again in 2 weeks.

Flyover for Memorial Day - Steven completed his part of the forms; it went to FAA and was signed and approved. It was sent to secretaries at Town Hall, then to Air Force. We should know in a few weeks.

Ted checked with Gerry Bundy - 2 convertibles with drivers set for May 27th. Ted suggested a note of thanks should be sent for this.

Regarding flag purchases and placement - Al will duplicate order from last year unless we need to change the amount. He will also order medallions. Joe will give Al the updated list.

Line of March – is tabled until the next meeting.

Ted suggested a speaker for the ceremony - Dr. Marichuk (sp?) mental health director at veterans hospital has studied effects of trauma on vets and families over many years. Ted submitted his bio and John T. will reach out to him. The general consensus dictated this was a good suggestion.

Anthony reached out to his contact with Rise Above. We are not seeing any action on their part to pursue the Patriot's Day ceremony for this year so far.

New member Sara Landon has not been able to attend but should be able in a month or two.

New business: We are waiting on town for letters to sign. John T. will be working with Julia on school use forms. We are on their list to get DOT permit.

We had the new PA system at the meeting. The plan is to start with it at Crystal Lake then to the town green. We will need the speaker in the cemetery after the town center.

American Legion Auxiliary will provide the wreath for the center monument. The town beautification committee will be contacted about flowers around the flagpole. Joe will do plants in the cemetery that Len Johnson used to do. Bruce will contact the fire department to get a contact person for us. Cheryl will contact the Pastors of the Methodist Church and Baptist church for the benediction, etc. Bruce will contact the high school to verify the band participation. It was mentioned that the taps procedure needs to be tightened up. Julia needs to be contacted re: the dignitaries. Bruce will read the names. Al has the POW MIA kit. We need to refit the kit. Ted will talk to Al to make sure it is ready to go and update the presentation.

Bruce is working on the Middle School presentation - Flanders Field and essay.

Cheryl will discuss the Girls Scouts helping us with the Auxiliary Flag.

April meeting - discussion on flag placement by scouts the Thursday before Memorial Day at 6:00 p.m... Poppies will be provided by the Auxiliary. Cheryl will provide the Poppy Queen's information and perhaps get Girls Scout assistance for Memorial Day preparations.

A need for a formalized consensus and procedure for cancellation was addressed.

National Guard marchers will be contacted.

The question of having the bagpipes was brought up. Bruce will find out who pays for them.

Motion to adjourn: Joe 1st, Chris 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2019 in the **Town Annex**

Submitted by:

Cheryl Samborski/Rhonda Villanova

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