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Student Representative
Steven Villanova

May 15, 2018

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

In attendance were: John Takach, Bruce Warkentin, Joe Boucher, Dennis Varney, Rhonda Villanova, Ted Graziani, and Steven Villanova; guests: Lori Spielman and Dennis Kayhart

Pledge of Allegiance

Special meeting circumstances: Pete Hany, Jr. stepped down as Chairman and resigned from the committee. Bruce Warkentin has stepped in as Acting Chair. This meeting was called to determine how to proceed with Memorial Day activities and adjustment of tasks.

Memorial Day:

The committee reviewed the task list and what needed to be done before the Memorial Day parades and ceremonies. The following is a list of assignments completed or to be completed and assignee:

Al Lewandosky has the American Legion flags and rifles.

Joe Boucher has flag sticks.

Joe will need list of parade participants to create Line of March. (*Rhonda called Town to see if they had accurate list, informed that list Bruce picked up had column for attendees, Rhonda notified Bruce)

The Fire Department will use Senior Center parking, Scouts and others will use driveway to EHS.

Bruce will call bagpipers to confirm participation (*confirmed)

Rhonda will contact Mr. Delassus regarding music for Presentation of Colors and Departure of Colors as requested from last year. (word was Mr. Delassus had found or received music arrangement, need confirmation that it will be played to include in program)

John T confirmed C130 flyover between 12 noon and 12:15 p.m.

John T will follow up with Chief Nerkowski regarding Color Guard, firing squad, marching unit (he was given email from ISG Masotta and Chief Nerkowski's contact info regarding participation.

Rhonda will call Town Hall regarding Building and Use/ EHS for custodial support. (*called EHS to discover what process is needed to request, found information should be included on Building and Use form, submitted email to Kim Porter to secure needs for Memorial Day events.)

Rhonda will contact Claire Palmer to confirm singing of National Anthem at both the Crystal Lake Cemetery and on the green in the center of town. (*confirmed)

Rhonda will confirm Pastor Bill Diggins/Buisch (*confirmed Pastor Diggins for EHS/Ellington Center Cemetery from Pete Hany, Jr.)

Lori asked about the flower situation at the green. The committee was under the assumption the Beautification Committee was taking care of it.

- **Ted** will talk to Al re: flowers at green

- **Joe** offered to assist w/flowers/crosses

- **John T.** asked whether we can turn over these tasks to the Beautification Committee, response was "we can ask."

Tim at Public Works is taking care of sound system at the green.

Joe volunteered to remain at EHS to organize Line of March, chairs in the auditorium and that the mic is working (to avoid glitch like last year).

Joe is scheduled to work with Boy Scouts and flags on May 20th.

Rhonda will be updating programs with latest information. She had a program cover design to show the committee.

Ted will ask Erin Graziani if she can get the Poppy Queen names for the programs. (*Erin contacted Rhonda with Poppy King and Queen names)

Ted will attend the Thursday May 17th Veteran Coffee House at Hall Memorial Library, requested by Anna Turner, to discuss the parade.

Al Lewandosky: confirmation needed whether he is able to assist with reading the Roll Call at all three ceremonies. Otherwise, John and Bruce will do the honors. (*Ted said Al would, but confirm all 3?)

Al Lewandosky: confirmation needed if Al has the POW/MIA table/accessories and be able to get them to EHS.

Rhonda will send a simpler version of the POW/MIA Remembrance Poem so everyone will have a current copy (just in case).

New Business: We have one new approved member, Rob King. Two more people are in the process of completing paperwork. One of them is our guest this evening, Dennis Kayhart. This will bring our vacancies on the committee to (1) adult and (1) student representative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next Meeting tentatively scheduled: May 22, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Submitted by:

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