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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

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Chairman
Bruce Warkentin.

Secretary
Rhonda Villanova

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Joe Boucher
John Chandler
Ted C. Graziani
Dennis Kayhart
Robert King
Cheryl Samborski
Christian Sauer
John Takach

Student Representative
Steven Villanova

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December 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance were: Bruce Warkentin, Joe Boucher, Rhonda Villanova, Dennis Kayhart, Cheryl Samborski, and Christian Sauer, John Chandler (as official new member)

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept last meeting's minutes: Joe B. 1st, Chris 2nd

WAA: Bruce stated the wreath orders, thanks to last minute donations, is at 427 and 5 ceremonial wreaths (one for each branch of office). He received shipping details regarding the carrier/contacts, the status was "en route" – he just needs to find where they're dropping the wreaths off.

Ron and Darlene will not be able to help get the wreaths to the cemetery. Dennis K. and John C. have trucks, they can assist on Saturday if we get DPW to open the gates.

Betsy Feldman will be supplying the sound system with a back-up.

Bruce and Rhonda each heard from a couple of students and adults that volunteered to help place the wreaths after the ceremony.

Rhonda relayed that Steven had confirmed Mr. Delassus designated 2 trumpet players for TAPS and Claire Palmer will be singing the National Anthem.

Andre Garant, a photographer that also took pictures at Winter Fest for the town website, will be at the cemetery.

Rhonda will be forwarding a copy of the WAA ceremony so everyone has a full copy.

Joe B. had a list of veterans buried since last December if we wanted to include the names in the ceremony like we did last year. He will double-check the date for Len Johnson to make sure he was included either last year or add him to this year's list.

Bruce received information from the town that there is a Veteran Fund established and administered by the Finance Committee. Joe Palombizio mentioned it at a previous meeting. He had ideas about what he would like to do with some of the funds.

Lori Spielman asked Bruce who will be planting flowers at the center green now that Len Johnson is no longer with us. The committee thought either the Beautification Committee had already taken it over or maybe the Women's Auxiliary could if the Beautification Committee was only doing it this past year until we found someone else.

Dennis described his maintenance work on the POW Memorial at the library to clarify what he was doing separate from the flower planting.

John C. received a message from his wife regarding a student possibly wanting to perform something at the WAA ceremony. He asked Rhonda if Steven could follow up with that student. She agreed to give Steven the message.

Rhonda asked about the meeting schedule for 2019. Julia had requested the dates to reserve the meeting room in advance. The committee approved the schedule of the 4th Tuesday of each month except for July and the 2nd Tuesday of December. Rhonda will forward the actual dates to Julia and the committee.

John C. spoke of his work in the past assisting the Student Council at EHS get care packages for troops organized and delivered as part of their Veteran's Day activities. This is something EHS would like to do again in the future as well. The committee agreed this was a good project to get involved with and we will speak more about it at future meetings.

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl 1st, Joe B. 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled: January 22, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Villanova

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