

## BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON - MOORHEAD

February 11, 2016 - Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the VFW Dilworth by President Les Bakke.

Members in Attendance: Grant W., Jim H., Gary O., Aaron J., Mark S., Eric M., Jim A., Brad H., Amy G., Dan H., Gail B., Curt C. and Tim H.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Grant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan to accept report as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Grant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Total Expenses: \$3,691.00

Balance as of 1/31/2016: \$1,650.55

Outstanding Checks: \$170.00

Adjusted Balance: \$1,480.55

Guard Report: Brad talked of the Police Officer that was fatally wounded in Fargo and to keep Officer Jason's family in our thoughts and prayers. Officer Jason was a member of the Bear Cats.

VSO Report: Clay County Veterans Service Officer Curt reported on the GAP Fund. He reported that there is a process for the determination of how the money is used and how it will serve Veterans. From October - February that the cost of car repairs for them is quite high. The GAP Fund is one of few in the state. This fund may be used for housing, food, optical, dental and etc. Curt explained that the Veteran does not receive the money and that the check is written out to where it is to be used for. If the Veteran gets back on their feet they can reimburse the help that they have received back. This fund is focused mainly on the Veteran. Curt will report on this annually.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tim H. brought up that all American Legions will be doing something for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the American Legion. President Les has been visiting with many different groups asking if they will budget something to help out with this celebration. With doing this now President Les feels that it is far enough out in the future that all can do some planning far enough in advance. At this time a motion was brought on the floor and passed that: "The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Moorhead endorses and supports the Veterans Still Serving America - Legacy and Vision in Clay County project. BTYR encourages the planning committee to coordinate fund raising efforts for the project". Motion was carried.

Any memorabilia that anyone has or can find to be used for this celebration will be appreciated.

Annual Report to the Moorhead City Council will be given on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> and to the Clay County Commission on February 23 by President Les.

Good of The Order: Dan feels that after Curt's report that the GAP Fund is accountable for what they do and that we should help with this.

Gary told of the "Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation". With donations the foundation helps provide: Scholarships for combat veterans going into counseling, Events to get combat veterans together and helps combat PTSD Awareness. Dakota Medical Foundation will match funds raised up to \$4,000.00. This foundation was formed as Brady had committed suicide at the early age of 27 and to help all veterans that are going through major issues.

Grant told us that the Clay County Veterans Court Program is up and running. There is one person in the program that will be the 1<sup>st</sup> graduate and when he graduates Grant would like to see many of us there for support. Grant will keep us posted regarding this.

Dan will be visiting the Shooting Star Casino to put together a package that will be used towards the Honor Flight. Dan will have raffle tickets made up that will be sold for three chances for \$5.00 and that the winner will be drawn on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Gail reported that the VFW Post 1223 Auxiliary will be selling Snoopy cards with the proceeds also going to the Honor Flight.

Election of Officers will be held in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

The next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post 1223 Dilworth

Respectively Submitted By:

Gail