

Minutes of BYR Meeting – May 12, 2016

Member attending were: Vince Dicks, JoAnn Czerwinski, Amy Gunkelman, Gary H Olson, Lois Robinson, Curt Cannon, Grant Weyland, Mark Sjostrom, Brad Jurajt, Barbara Axness, Jim Aasness, Dan Hunt, Tim Haugen and Les Bakke

Meeting was called to order by Les at 8:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Les gave the Secretary's report. Report approved and passed.

Tim presented the Treasurer's report. He presented the Business Account and Legacy Account as printed. He covered the Fund Raiser Acct as printed as well. Jim made a motion to approve, seconded by Grant. Motion passed. Tim discussed the April Fund Raiser for the Honor Flight. He reported the event (Dinner and Raffle) generated \$3,123.00. Our expenses for the event was about \$650 and the group agreed to give that as an in-kind gift to the fund raiser. He is working on a time and place to present our check to the Honor Flight Committee. Linda Gibson has possibly raised \$10,000 for Honor Flight through her Department project. Tim also reported the check to the Bonanzaville event has been made and a check to the Auxiliary will be made.

Guard report said the troops will form up on June 3rd for the mission and leave June 4th at 0300. Auxiliary is working a meal for soldiers and families but details have not all been finalized. Street Dedication is still in process with the city.

The VSO report stated new literature on claims is being developed. He talked about scenarios where vets end up at a civilian hospital and then are billed instead of the VA. ND and MN senators and representatives are working together on the issue. A bill is being worked to provide care for reservists and guard members at the VA. Jennifer and Curt will be out of the office next week for training. The VSO will have a booth at the Bonanzaville event. Busy in the office is picking up and they are seeing increased numbers of vets.

Les reported Veterans Still Serving America worker is collecting a history of Clay County. The logo is done and on the website. The website cost \$26 for 2 years. The website is VSSAweb.org.

Tim gave a rundown of Memorial Day Events to attend. Dilworth VFW is taking the lead on MN side this year. There will be a ceremony on the bridge at 7:00. Cemetery ceremonies will begin at 8:45. (Evergreen, Sunset, Sabin, Elmwood, Trinity, Prariewood, St Joe and Riverside. There will be a ceremony at the Armory at 11:00 and Curt Cannon will be the guest speaker.

Les updated on the Bonanzaville event on May 26th. Grounds open at 3:00 and food at 5:30. Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band will provide entertainment and Eric Marts will be the guest speaker.

Les and Amy reported on the Joint Force Conference in Detroit Lakes. Learned several BYR groups aren't do much while others are very engaged. Breakout sessions were informative and some discussion made about a VISTA person helping out in our area.

BYR is now a member of the Moorhead Business Association, thanks to Les.

Good of the Order: Gary Olson reported on Patriot Awards and the need for our troops to put their companies and bosses in for recognition. MN had about 600 nominations this year. Joann reported that the Fargo Armory will have on-site commissary sale on May 21st. They will bring extra meat so encourage people to come out even if they haven't placed a previous order. Tim reported the Cowboy UP event will be May 21st at VFW. Breakfast starts at 8:00 and events occurring all day. Proceeds go to Sanford Hospital for Cancer Treatment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Vince Dicks, Acting Secretary