

MEETING MINUTES

PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

Date: April 10th 2024

Time: 7:22 pm

Meeting called to order by: Shawn Bator

IN ATTENDANCE

Mandy Bator, Shawn Bator, Peter Somero, Tammy Hannu, Travis Somero, Carl Toko,

BUDGET

- Donations/funds
 - Budget \$3990
 - Stearns & Burton funds
 - Looks likely, but need to fill an application out.
 - Will not cover full amount.
 - Need to discuss what amount will be paid
 - Shawn will talk with Jen tomorrow to see if she can help him fill out the application
 - Donations
 - We can accept donations
 - Need the person donating to write a letter to the town or an email to Debbie to declare the intent of the donations. "for future uses of the patriotic committee"
 - The check needs to be presented to the select board at one of their meetings
 - Will be put in the general fund earmarked for the patriotic purposes committee
 - Need to determine how we access the money we need.
- Total budget of \$3990 (*estimated costs)
 - Flags \$280.86*
 - Medallions \$450*
 - Crosses \$225*
 - Flowers \$200*
 - Wreaths \$50*
 - Keen Band \$825
 - Food \$500* (need to coordinate with Boy Scouts)

- Porter Pottie \$110 (may be donated)*
 - Reenactors \$600* (Stearns & Burton may cover some of this cost)*
 - Bagpipe Band \$900*
 - **Remaining \$-150 (need donations)**
- Last year expenditure
 - Total \$2631.58
 - Flags \$1342.76
 - Memorial Day \$1230.41
 - Flag maintenance \$0058.41

MAINTENANCE

- Flags
 - DPW needs purple heart flags
 - Two big totes for flag storage
 - Tammy will procure.
 - Still need to buy the 4 flags we need
- Need medallions
 - Shawn and Carl will walk the cemeteries to check how many we need.
- Crosses
 - Shawn will get the materials for the crosses

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (19TH OF MAY)

Music

- Sound
 - No update Shawn to talk to Cale
- Tammy and Peter's kids will sing for the morning.
- Bagpipe band
 - Only committed to half band for the morning
 - Most likely will not be able to perform for the afternoon.

Groups Marching

- Reenactors (fifth regiment) are available
 - Will be there for the morning
 - Will do 21-gun salute
 - Afternoon TBD
 - May not have the drummer
- ROTC not available
- Sports teams
 - No update, Travis to follow up on them,
 - Mandy to reach out to her contact as well
- Greenville legion
 - Only available for the afternoon

Speakers

- Ministers
 - Gary Bertrem will do Smithville
 - Carl to reach out to Bob Hakala
 - Travis to follow up in one week unless Carl gets an answer
- Selectmen
 - Jason Somero to do Smithville Cemetery
 - Shawn Talbot to do Central Cemetery

- o Lou Alvarez to do Soldier's Monument
- Reenactors to speak at Soldier's Monument and Smithville Cemetery

Miscellaneous

- Porter Pottie
 - o Shawn to follow up with Cale
- Veterans
 - o Still don't know how many new ones are buried
- Flowers
 - o Tammy to reach out to Amazing Flower Farm about donating the three pots of germaniums or about the cost of buying the flowers.
- Food
 - o Sticking with the hot dogs by the boy scouts
- Shawn is still working on trailer
- Start Smithville at 9:30
 - o Pete Aho has been informed and is ok with it.
- Wreaths
 - o Shawn is working with Colls to refresh the wreaths
- Read the whole roll call in the morning
- During the parades announce the changes planned for next year as well as a contact person for suggestions
- Need to start brain storming how to combine the two parades
- Need to fill out an application to close the state road.
- Need to fill out a usage form for the town field
- Central cemetery needs drainage fixed
 - o Peter to look into this
- Future parades could look into hiring a public speaker
- Could put up more signs for the date of the parade.
 - o Could put it as "come to the parade this weekend visit town website for more information"
 - o Reuse it every year

UNRESOLVED BUISNESS

- Fourth of July parade
 - o No updates

NEXT MEETING

- Tasks to be completed by next meeting
 - o Putting flags up
 - o Shawn to get stock for the crosses
 - o Follow up on the following topics
 - Tammy to look into signs
 - Shawn to determine what we have for a bag pipe band
 - Need a contact for the boy scouts to coordinate food
 - Who do we have for singers
 - Porta Potties
- Date April 24th @ 7:00

Meeting adjourned 9:01