

Minutes of June 17, 2008

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies by: Gary Laweryson (Moment of silence & Pledge Allegiance to the Flag)

Call to Order and Roll Call of Members: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken as follows: **Present** –Gary Laweryson, Arthur Roy, Mike Clark, David Richmond, Peter Ogden, Kelley Wynne.

Excused – Kenny Ware, William Henshaw, General Libby, Glenda Knowlan **Unexcused Absence** –

Minutes March 2008: *Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of March 2008 meeting.*

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clark

Mike Clark handed out and reviewed the Quarterly Reports.

He gave an overview of all of the investments and donations. He stated that the investments are making almost as much as the donations. Donations are lower this year than last.

Motion made, accepted and passed to accept the Treasurers Report

Comments - General Libby:

Superintendent's Report: Dave Richmond

Project updates:

1. **Headstone lifting project Civic Center Drive Cemetery:** Ninety percent of the project has been completed. Two different procedures have been tried using varied materials and will be checked this spring to see which one was most effective.
2. **Upright headstones (Mt Vernon Road only):** Sections A & B have been opened for burials utilizing the upright Marble headstones. Dave will try to have a few upright stones installed by Memorial Day so people can see them. The installation of the majority of uprights will begin in June.
3. **Mt. Vernon Road Paving Project:** Ferriaolo Corp. has placed has finished the paving Project.
4. **Avenue of Flags Mt. Vernon:** The Elks Club has raised enough money for an avenue of flags. Plans were redone to accommodate 26 flag poles.

Bureau Director: Peter Ogden

Peter talked about purchasing a Battlefield Cross to put in the Hall of Flags. Then the Battlefield Cross would be placed in the Chapel at the Cemetery.

Springvale Cemetery: Peter informed members that the Springvale cemetery project is going forward and should be opening in September 2009. The only burials that would take place that first year would be niche burials if the state will front the money to have one built.

Chairman: Gary Laweryson

In the previous meeting Marvin had suggested that we get other organizations and companies to donate funds. Gary discussed this at length.

He feels that the Association needs to do something significant to show the public what they do, (something that stands out) so folks will make more donations.

Fund Raising:

Vice Chairman's Report: Kenny Ware

New Business

Unfinished Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting.