

Minutes of September 9, 2008

Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Association Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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, Glenda Knowlan, Arthur Roy, Mike Clark, David Richmond, Kelley Wynne, Marvin Woodbury,

Excused – Kenny Ware, William Henshaw, General Libby, Peter Ogden **Unexcused**

Absence –

Minutes December 2007: *Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes of June 2008 meeting.*

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clark

Mike Clark handed out and reviewed the Quarterly Reports.

Mike stated that the price of vases is too high and they charged a lot to ship as well. He will call Eaton Bros. to see if we can get a better deal due to the fact that we order such a large amount.

Motion made, accepted and passed to accept the Treasurers Report

Comments - General Libby:

Bureau Director: Peter Ogden

Dave Richmond spoke for Peter.

Peter is in the process of putting together another Annual Working Group meeting. He will be checking with the previous participants to see if they will be continuing to serve and appointing replacements and/or additional members as needed.

Superintendent's Report: Dave Richmond

Project updates: Civic Center Drive

1. The \$60,000 maintenance fund that was the result of the Governors Working Group has been put to good use this year. Two re-roofing projects will be done on the one and two bay garages.
2. Pavement overlay will be done in Q section and a portion of the crypt road.
3. The headstone rehabilitation project was successful last year and additional stones will be lifted this year.

Mount Vernon Road:

Two new vehicles are now in inventory at Mount Vernon. The cemetery has purchased a Rubber Tracked Excavator and an RTV.

Caribou:

The niche project is now complete. The Committee in Caribou raised \$100,000 for the new niche walls which left the cost to the State \$30,000.

Springvale:

The bid process has taken place and the VA is in the process of awarding the grant and contracting the low bidder. Construction will begin shortly thereafter.

Chairman: Gary Laweryson

Gary feels that the Association needs to do something significant to show the public what they do so folks will make more donations. He suggested that they raise funds to place a Battle Field Cross Monument in the flag circle at Mt. Vernon Road. This would be a sculpture not tied to any organization and honor all veterans.

Dave suggested that they purchase a smaller one for the alcove in the Administration Building where it would be visible to the public. This would be in addition to the larger monument that would be placed at the flag circle.

It was also suggested that placing an add in the three largest newspapers announcing a fundraiser for the monuments may also be helpful.

Members may also attempt to get donations from large businesses in the area.

Motion made, accepted and passed to start the fund raising process for the 7 1/2 ft. Battle Field Cross Monument for placement in the flag circle at Mt. Vernon as well as a smaller one for placement in the Admin. Bldg.

Fund Raising: Marvin Woodbury

Fund raising was discussed in the Chairman's report above.

Vice Chairman's Report: Kenny Ware

New Business

New business was also discussed in the Chairman's report.

Unfinished Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next meeting will be held December 9th at 9 a.m. at the VFW Hall on the Leighton Road.