

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kent Carlson, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Roger Anderson, Peter Anthony, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Kent Carlson, Ken Lewis, Leigh Lovering, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk. Guest: Ray Favreau, Director, SW Parks and Recreation

MINUTES:

- Minutes from the January 13, 2020 were accepted with the following corrections: 1) to add CT River Academy and Two Rivers to the schools that had essay contests forms delivered to them, with the deletion of Cheney Tech; 2) that electronic copies were on line January 13. **Motion** by Sladyk/Anderson.

Agenda suspended to discuss matter of chipped lettering on the center monument at VMP.

Motion: Sladyk/Lewis: To replace the lettering with a bronze plaque overlay using the exact wording as currently on the monument. **Carried** *Discussion ensued regarding secure attachment of the plaque, as well as forthcoming camera installation at VMP.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kent Carlson

- 2019-20 Budget remains the same.
- Discussion held on need for some increase; Armed Forces Day event costs have risen; budget has not.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent Carlson

- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Club interested in a brick for VMP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest 2020: Roger Anderson

- Some essays have been received
- At March meeting essays will be distributed for member review, reading, rating

Armed Forces Day May 16, 2020: Kent Carlson

- Jaycees assisting Commission in reaching out to possible sponsors
- Information on website; also Jaycees promoting
- Second balloon artist desired; hoping for sponsorship from the SW Jaycees
- Different placement sought to better serve the food using the new inflatable LED lights
- Handicapped parking will be on upper lot, by pavilion, where Community Band plays
- Discussed need for better screening of for veteran owned and veteran items for booths
- Discussion on mapping availability for booths and attractions, at least for members who are working the event
- Medical kits need to be available for Bounce Houses; CERT location/availability needs to be known by all members working the event
- Participant emails to be sent shortly

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, May 25, 2020: Leigh Lovering

- Bob Hornish will be Grand Marshal and Tom Field guest speaker
- Rev. Nina Schmid, First Congregational Church, SW, will give invocation and benediction

- All correspondence has been updated
- Cemetery flags are sufficient for 2020

Flag Day collections/ flag retirement ceremony 9 AM, June 12, 2020: Ken Lewis

- Labels peeling off new collection bins at Town Hall and community Center; Kent to repair
- Library box moved to a more prominent and more readily available position
- Flag collection up to date

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2020: Ed Gawlinski—no report at this time

Veterans in the Schools 2020: Daria Plummer—no report at this time

Wreaths Across America December 14, 2020 (Capitol) and December 19, 2020 (SW-VMP): Art Sladyk (no report at this time)

Wall Behind the Monument and Improvements at VMP: Art Sladyk

- Park/Recreation will see to the installation of security cameras
- Bench for Jim Throw under discussion; if granite bench purchased, town will secure it
- Fire pit moved to a new location in upper lot
- When weather permits, pavers will be placed and area graded

Wall of Honor: Herb Asplund

- Addition of AF Col. Robert Feher, '91 SWHS graduate; currently Air National Guard—photo will be worked on by Kent and Herb to ensure it can be in color

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presentation made before Town Council
- Discussion held on WW II veterans' banner project. Herb to investigate a business that might install banners pro bono.
- Ken will work on a Gmail account for banner information so that Bobbi Jo may post on website and Facebook regarding the project and how to contact us
- Daria will find out the lead time absolutely needed for the banners to be printed
- Checks from sponsors or anyone donating will be made to the Patriotic Commission and given to the South Windsor Community Foundation, which has agreed to handle the funds
- Signs for Veterans Day—Mike Gantick believes he can have them made for us by the town
- Old flag collection bin—Ken to take to Town Garage

NEW BUSINESS: none at this time

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE: none at this time

Adjournment: 8:43 PM, carried on a motion to adjourn by Asplund/Sladyk

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Daria Plummer, Secretary