

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

October 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Kent Carlson, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: *Peter Anthony, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Kent Carlson, Billy Carroll, Bob Hornish, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk, Jim Throwe*

MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Sladyk/Hornish.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kent Carlson

- Budget expenses on schedule

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent Carlson

- Request for pins for TE band members marching in the Hartford Veterans Day Parade with the SW contingent was read

Motion: Asplund/Carroll Move to allocate \$200 toward "memorial pins" for the TE Middle School Marching Band. **Carried** [The American Legion will be approached for the remainder of the cost.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest: Kent for Roger Anderson

- For middle school and high school, seven year rotation needed in topics
- Additional ideas for subjects can be sent to Roger

Evening in the Park: Kent Carlson (No further development since last meeting.)

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony: Kent Carlson

- Commission will need three chairs for this event, due to the resignation of event chair from the Commission: Flags, Parade, Ceremony

Flag Day flag retirement ceremony: Peter Anthony

- Bins being kept cleared out

Veterans Day Parade: Kent Carlson

- To date, two councilors will be in attendance

Veterans Day Ceremony: Kent Carlson

- Ceremony, November 11, 11 AM, VMP: everything in place
- New memorial bricks have been ordered

Veterans in the Schools: Bill Carroll, Jr.

- TE ceremony on 11/6/15; only three representatives needed
- SWHS ceremony begins at 7:25 AM on 11/11; veterans encouraged to arrive earlier
 - Speaker obtained; Peter Anthony backup speaker
 - Jim will do introductions
 - American Legion will have representatives; other invitations have been sent

- Each elementary school runs its own program

Wreaths Across America: Art Sladyk

- December 7, State Capitol ceremony
- December 12, South Windsor ceremony; wreaths to be delivered to cemeteries after ceremony at VMP

Wall Behind the Monument: Art Sladyk

- Senator Tim Larson thanked personally and publicly for his assistance for the \$75,000 state grant that was awarded to our Patriotic Commission
- Grant needs to be coordinated through the Town Manager
- Digging to commence in November
- Money from the grant and other donations will be utilized to finish the project, enable plaques for the Wall, and to move the fence back toward Veterans Memorial Pool
- Physical aspects of the project and donor plaque discussed

Wall of Honor: Herb Asplund (no report needed at this time)

OLD BUSINESS:

- The SW Patriotic Commission will request a joint meeting with the Wapping Cemetery Association to discuss flag retrieval, removal, and disposal protocols. The Cemetery Association is welcome to attend a Patriotic Commission meeting, but preference is to attend one of their board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE:

- Jim Throwe participated in a parade in October.
- Members of the SWHS Interact Club (a high school arm of Rotary International) have volunteered to rake leaves for veterans in SW. Contact Art Sladyk with any names.
- Strong's Auto Care, Sullivan Avenue, offers free oil change to veterans.

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: 8:57 PM, on a motion to adjourn. **Motion: Throwe/Hornish. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Plummer, Secretary

Approved: November 16, 2015