

MEETING MINUTES

PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

Date: March 25th 2024

Time: 7:10 PM

Meeting called to order by: Sean Bator

IN ATTENDANCE

Cale Sikkila, Mandy Bator, Shawn Bator, Peter Somero, Tammy Hannu, Travis Somero, Carl Toko, Ollie

BUDGET

- Total budget of \$3990
 - Flags \$280.86
 - Medallions \$450
 - Crosses \$225
 - Flowers \$200
 - Wreaths \$50
 - Keen Band \$825
 - Food \$500
 - Porter Pottie \$110 (may be donated)
 - Reenactors \$600
 - Bagpipe Band \$1700
 - Remaining \$-950 (need donations)
- Last year expenditure
 - Total \$2631.58
 - Flags \$1342.76
 - Memorial Day \$1230.41
 - Flag maintenance \$0058.41

MAINTENANCE

- Flags
 - Enough new flags for graves
 - Need replacement flags for half way through summer
 - 5 5x8 flags (United States)

- Old County Rd
 - Goen RD
 - Smithville cemetery
 - 2 Poles
 - Old Central cemetery
 - 2 Poles
 - Soldiers Monument
- Need 4 more flags for the year
- Polyester or nylon
 - Polyester supposed to be stronger
- Rubbermaid containers to help preserve flags
- Use closet in school house
- Next year responsible for all flags
 - Streets
 - Fields
 - Town hall
- Need medallions for veterans that died since last year
 - 3 new
 - Need to figure out which ones are buried in New Ipswich
 - Need some for replacing existing
- Crosses
 - 1x4 stock
 - 4 @ 12'

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (19TH OF MAY)

Music

- Keene legion does taps in the afternoon
 - Voted and approved
- Temple band out
- Shoot for full band
 - Need donations for this
- Sound
 - John Rosenfelder does sound Cale to reach out
- Cale to reach out to Goodrich Girls
- Cale to organize music

Groups Marching

- Reenactors (fifth regiment) are available
 - \$300 per parade
 - 8 people marching
 - If they get 5
 - 3 for a 21 gun salute
 - Possibly get a drummer
 - Colonial United states flag
 - State flag
 - Fifth regiment flag
 - Voted and approved
 - Sean to reach out to hire them
- Fall mountain not able to make it
 - May have another ROTC interested
 - Shawn to reach out
- Veterans

- Where are they buried
- Boy scouts
 - Will march in afternoon
- Sports teams
 - Waiting for confirmation
- Greenville legion 21 gun salute
 - May use the reenactors instead

Speakers

- Ministers
 - Ken Whitson will do Central Cemetery
 - Others have not replied
- Possibly have reenactors speak at soldiers monument

Financing

- Donations
 - Waiting on select board permission

Miscellaneous

- Board of selectmen meeting
 - Brought up donation money
 - Couple of options waiting on Board to approve
- We have the list of deceased veterans
 - Only three died this last year
- We received a list of veterans living in New Ipswich
- Crosses go out for memorial day, back in by veterans day
- Buy flowers from amazing flower
 - 3 bouquets source from amazing flower farm
 - Maybe plant some at each locations
 - Cale to look into someone to donate/ take care of
- Who takes care of the food
 - Possibly shut down the road between soldiers monument to pizza haven and have a community BBQ for fund-raising
 - Committee repays boy scouts for hot dogs
- Reach out to news papers
 - Debbie reaches out to put an advertisement
- Shawn to look into the Stearns and Burton to pay for reenactors
- Shawn still working on trailer
 - Ben Hatcher to provide a tractor and driver for trailer
- Start Smithville at 9:30
 - Voted and approved
 - Touch base with the Ahos
- Wreaths
 - Reuse artificial wreaths
 - Pay to dress up the wreaths

UNRESOLVED BUISNESS

- Fourth of July parade
 - Meeting with rec department April 4th

NEXT MEETING

- Wed April 10th