

Wakefield Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Pinette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the First Floor Conference Room, Wakefield Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Members present were Chairman Jay Pinette, Secretary Pam Hart, Don Hart, Richard Pearson, Dan Benjamin, Melinda Cook. Absent: Bob Ettinger.

Motion to approve May and June 2019 minutes: Rick Pearson, seconded by Dan Benjamin, voted and so approved.

VSO Report

Due to VSO Dave Magnon's absence, no report was given. Chairman Pinette noted that Wakefield has 300 claimants receiving Veterans Assistance Benefits totaling approximately \$12,000-\$13,000 being paid out. The town receives 75% reimbursement from the state toward the Chapter 115 program.

New Business

Discussion on some type of framed certificate to present to HoneyDew Doughnuts in appreciation of donations provided for Memorial and Veterans Day collations, as well as the Veterans Coffee Socials.

Chairman Pinette will again be attending Wakefield 101 at Beebe Library Thursday evening.

Veterans Day Ceremony

A quick review of this year's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Galvin Middle School noted that there were no significant problems.

Other Business

Wreaths Across America: To date, 232 of 325 wreaths have been ordered to be placed on veterans' graves at Forest Glade Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 14 at noon.

Eagle Scout Project

The Eagle Scout project this year is to clean all veterans' headstones before Memorial Day. Melinda Cook has offered to serve as benefactor once this project is approved.

Coffee Social

Response has been lower than the Board was hoping for. Discussed were ways in which to get the word out to attract more veterans.

Adjournment

Richard Pearson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jay Pinette; motion passed, meeting closed at 7 pm. Next meeting December 17.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Hart

Minutes approved by: Jay Pinette