

Veterans' Committee Minutes

October 13, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Barrett, Kinowski, Lucia, Thompson, Wright, Southworth, Collyer and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Andrew Davis, Veterans' Director; Jen Ciulla, Publication Specialist; Gene Corsale, Veterans' Volunteer; Press.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Wright the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Southworth said last weekend it was announced that the Guardian House received the rest of the grant money of \$214,000. This will, in combination with \$140,000 raised through fundraisers, and a lot of effort on behalf of the local VFW, American Legion and individual donations should be enough to purchase a facility for women. There are two sites that Rural Preservation has on their list of popular sites; however, they will need to work with the Veterans' Agency to work through the process to select a site that meets the protocol that the VA has for a facility for helping Veterans. The thought is, that by the second quarter of 2011 the facility should be up and running.

Mrs. Southworth said there will be continued fundraising for both facilities.

Mrs. Ciulla said the slight increase in costs over what was originally budgeted this year for the concert was due to the framing of the special presentations. Mrs. Johnson said that the total cost of \$30,256 was very reasonable and approximately \$15,000 less than last year. Mrs. Johnson commended Ms. Ciulla for a job well done.

Ms. Ciulla said there were approximately 3,250 in attendance, which is approximately 500 less than last year. As we have done the concert in consecutive years, we have been seeing about 500 less each year. A crowd of over 3,000 is very respectable, and the lawn was much fuller than past years, she said.

Mr. Wright asked how much would be put in the budget for next year's concert? Mr. Wood said it would be consistent with 2009.

Mrs. Johnson said on November 11th, Veterans' Day at 12:00 p.m., there will be a ceremony at the National Cemetery to unveil two names that have been added to the monument.

Ms. Ciulla distributed and reviewed the outline for the November 11th ceremony as follows:

- Master of Ceremonies Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson
- Posting of Colors Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance Andrew Davis

- National Anthem Supervisor Barrett
- Invocation Webster Moses
- Welcome Chairman Peck – Ms. Ciulla said she has emailed Mr. Peck
With regard to his availability
- Guest Speaker Supervisor Kinowski – Mrs. Johnson said it was agreed that
It would be an honor to have one of our own as the Guest
Speaker
- Honor Guard/Taps Gerald B.H. Solomon National Cemetery Honor Guard
- God Bless America Supervisor Barrett
- Benediction Webster Moses
- Retiring of Colors Gerald B. H. Solomon National Cemetery Honor Guard

Mrs. Johnson said should Supervisor Peck not be available, Mr. Wood would be available for the welcome.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Thompson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom