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April 23, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, John Chandler, Bruce Warkentin, Dennis Kayhart, Ted Graziani, Cheryl Samborski, Chris Sauer, Rhonda Villanova and Steven Villanova; guest: Pete Hany, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of last meeting minutes: Chris 1st, Ted 2nd

Old Business:

Bruce spoke to Rob Binkowski again about cleaning monuments. With so much rain, he is still waiting for the ground soil to harden to facilitate process. The May 1st deadline may be delayed.

Flyover for Memorial Day – John T. was in touch with ProJo “ops scheduler” at Bradley to get on the schedule for the C130 flyover during the center of town parade.

Ted needs a letter to be sent to Jerry Bundy re: cars for Memorial Day (2 convertibles w/drivers, Bundy Motors/Tolland Industrial Park West). A Thank you note with details regarding Memorial Day parade time/location should be sent. John T. will check with Julia to see if she has written up yet, John C. took info for Bundy’s.

John T. – There have been some RSVPs from the Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Chris Davis.

Task List update for the United Methodist Church at Crystal Lake – Tara Leduke has replaced Pastor Rini (Maureen Glenholt).

Ted G. – confirmed the MIA table with Al Lewandoski. He (Al?) will supply the square card table; we need (2) people to read names. Dave Arzt (Crystal Lake Association) will provide the wreath.

Bruce’s update regarding the EMS presentations – He spoke to Mr. Pearson, they have a student to read Flanders Field and (1) Patriot Pen essay. Bruce will be in touch with them, giving presentation tips and protocol.

Cheryl will get more info regarding the Poppy Queen – Riley Charette (i.e., family names).

Bruce confirmed the bagpipers (Pat Weiland?) will be at the Main Street parade.

John C. - National Guard marchers: he filled out the form, got official letter that went to the Adjutant General; he went to the site for the flyover and connected the two for the event and confirmation. The contact is Major Miller and the committee wants to request marchers for both parades if possible.

In regards to rain/cancellation questions, John T. said he has contact numbers for town people to put the word out (Lori S. can do blast message) and update the town website. We want to avoid the impression that the EHS ceremony is cancelled if the parades are cancelled. The EHS ceremony WILL NOT be cancelled due to rain. The committee discussed the timing of when/how to cancel – 12 hours prior would be enough time to make go/no go decision.

John T. asked Pete Hany, Jr. about the FD participation, confirmed the location of the truck with the flag parked at the cemetery, and then line up from Senior Center for start of parade and in the Chuck Wagon parking lot at the end of the parade.

Crystal Lake line of march – with Dave Milnes unable to participate, should we officially hand over tasks to the Scout Master, Doug Stratoudakis? John T. giving Pete Hany Doug's contact info.

Center of town line of march – Peter suggested the FD be directly behind the Veterans and National Guard members reminding of the connection of the FD with the American Legion. Tentative line of March consists of: Bagpipes/Honor Guard//National Guard/Legion, Dignitaries, Vets in cars, American Legion, Poppy Queen/EVFD/CLVFD/CERT, Ambulance/Marching Band, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts/Brownies/Cubs/Softball/Little League/Classic Cars/Football(?). Pete H. will work with Joe B. on line of march at center parade.

John T. asked who we have to carry the flags - so far we have Ted, Dennis K., Chris S. (or Davis?) and a few more. We will determine at our next meeting, May 21st.

Pete had two new people interested in singing the National Anthem, Clara and Eve Mattson, for both the Crystal Lake Cemetery and the Town Green portions of the day's events.

Rhonda reviewed the program and where she will need names to fill in the blanks. She will send the speech templates to both John T. and John C. before the next meeting.

Ted G. thanked members of the committee that attended the special Veterans ceremony at the Capitol Building.

Motion to adjourn: Chris 1st, Cheryl 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:21.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 in the Town Hall meeting room.

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