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May 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, Bruce Warkentin, Dennis Kayhart, Ted Graziani, Cheryl Samborski, Chris Sauer, Joe Boucher, Rhonda Villanova, Steven Villanova and Sara Landon; guest: Al Lewandoski

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Memorial Day Business:

Bruce spoke to Rob Binkowski again about cleaning monuments. The ground was still too wet. Joe pointed out that the flowers have already been planted and it might be good to hold off on the cleaning. It was decided that Bruce would call to tell Rob to hold off.

John T. stated that Joe Palombizio mentioned the Beautification Committee was now in charge of planting flowers for Memorial Day and it will come from their budget.

Cheryl/Auxiliary will be taking care of the flowers for the EHS stage for the ceremony, the wreath for the town green and the cemetery. There was a discussion about how the wreath will get to the green. Cheryl offered to carry it, but she will ask if it can be brought to the green in the Poppy Queen car and have it pause at the green to remove it for placement at the green.

John T. said the Flyover was good to go – as long as there is no cloud cover. He had also posted a notice about Memorial Day on Facebook – Ellington Friends page, and Julia at Town Hall posted something on the town website. RSVPs are coming in – it looks like a good turnout for participation in the parade. Boy Scouts will lay the flags at the main cemetery and the library. Al will give some flags to Doug, the Scoutmaster, for Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Al confirmed he had the POW/MIA table and supplies for that portion of the EHS ceremony.

Bruce confirmed (4) EMS students will read their Patriot Pen essays. He worked with them as they practiced reading them. Noah Rogers will be reading Flanders Field.

John T. confirmed committee members Anthony and Steven will be reading Logan's General Order No. 11 and the Gettysburg Address. Anthony has been sent a copy of his piece to practice.

Bruce plans to call the Journal Inquirer to see if they can post something about our ceremony and parades.

John C. had forwarded confirmation from the National Guard they would be sending some people to march in the main parade. They were not able to schedule any for the Crystal Lake parade due to budgetary concerns.

John T. confirmed with Julia regarding the cancellation process and he has a number to call for posting notification if it is necessary to cancel the parades.

Pete Hany, Jr. sent word that the Fire Department is all set for the parades. John T. has asked Pete to have the mic/speaker from the fire department on hand as a back-up just in case DPW can't get another one in place for the center cemetery.

Rhonda mentioned there needs to be confirmation for a custodian at the high school. We can't get in without someone unlocking the foyer doors. Ted will be getting there early to meet with Dr. Marinchak. Joe will be coming early to make sure the chairs, podium and mics are set up. John T. did speak with an OKP tech person regarding the ceremony and the person said someone would be there to assist.

Ted mentioned there seemed to be confusion regarding when the Color Guard comes in from the back of the auditorium to the front. They need a signal. John T. said he would be announcing for the audience to stand and welcome them in. That will be the signal.

The committee reviewed the draft programs, noted some changes and discussed the volley salutes. Rhonda will make the changes in the programs and distribute to the committee for a 24 hour review. She will take them to be copied and bring them to Crystal Lake and EHS.

John T. will contact Julia regarding Lori's proclamation decision for both Crystal Lake and EHS ceremonies. The AHPC PA system will be at the Crystal Lake Cemetery and the town green. The Boy Scouts will be at the Crystal Lake Cemetery and the green for assistance if needed. Pete Hany, Jr. will have the back-up mic/speaker at the center cemetery.

New Business:

Friday, June 14th is the day of the Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the back of the main Fire Department in the center of town at 6:00 p.m. Chris Davis will be dropping off flags on Wednesday for Al. Someone will need to pick up the flags from Big Y. It seems our library has a box for the Somers Veteran group.

Motion to adjourn: Ted 1st, Chris 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

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