

BellaVita Veterans Meeting
20JAN2009, 1900H

1. Commander Stiefvater opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary David Southard and approved by acclamation.
3. The treasury report was given by Treasurer John Devereux. There have been 344 flag renewals raising the total funds on hand to \$8230.67. John presented a preliminary budget for 2010.
4. There was a general discussion of possible projects for 2010.
5. Flags Project.
 - a. The Presidents Day display will commence with flags being installed on Saturday Feb. 13th and end with flags coming down on Tuesday Feb 16th.
 - b. Wayne Johnson reported that the grass rings originally approved were found to be unsuitable for our application. A motion by Wayne to purchase 400 more substantial grass rings at .72 was seconded by Lyle and passed by a show of hands.
 - c. For the Presidents Day display the worn flags should be separated out on the pick up day for repair or replacement. Renewal forms will be available to be filled out for on-the-spot renewals.
 - d. Lyle Ganucheau has volunteered to be the new team captain.
6. Memorial Walk. There was a general discussion re organization and formalization of the project. There was also discussion re when trees should be best planted for their survival.
7. The following items were discussed relative to projects in 2010:
 - a. re support of BellaVita related service personnel – the community needs to be canvassed to determine how many related service members are represented in BellaVita.
 - b. Picnics – review signup, resident, and guest procedures
 - c. Consider a Veterans Day program
 - d. Participate in Wreaths Across America in December
8. The Clubhouse flags will be cared for in February by Gene Reddell and Billy Potter.
9. Harry Reist reported that for a veteran to travel free on the Tollway they must have an approved State license plate.