

Veteran's Meeting

June 10, 2009

1. The meeting opened by Commander Kaltenbach at 8:00 pm with pledges to the US and Texas flags. New members welcomed were Dub Jacobs and Jim Caldwell.
2. The secretary' report for May 20 were read by Denny Mulcahy and approved by the members.
3. The Treasurer's report was made by John Devereaux. Our balance is \$8,190.45; \$3,169.08 in checking and \$5, 021.37 in savings. The Memorial Day picnic expenses were \$906.45. With \$371.00 in donations, our net expense was \$535.45. Head count was about 220 people served. (200 had signed up). The Treasurer's report was approved.
4. Flags of Bellavita: Flag Day is Sunday June 14. Flags go up Saturday and down on Monday. Starting time will be 8-9 am. Benny rains has ordered 300 more of the white plastic caps. Tom Green reported Wayne has tested three different kind of markers to replace the painted arrows that fade. These are expensive, but well worth it if they can hold up much longer.
5. Memorial Walk: Benny Rains presented the drawing plans and preparations made to date. Brandon will install sprinklers at the memorial tree locations. Benny notified City of Pearland and MUDD for their approval. We can meet all their parameters. Pearland will supply a meter and Brandon will connect up the lines and sprinklers heads. He will give us costs later. Initial 5 year plan will be for 50 trees over 5 sections around the lake walk. The trees will be of various species, especially native Texas trees. A leather bound register will be used to record which tree is dedicated to the deceased veteran or family member.
6. John Rodriguez asked about the Veterans who have previously passed on. They will not receive trees, but their families have received flowers. (since the flower program was begun).
7. BV Veteran's Caps: Benny has 20 in stock. The price will be \$10.00 each.
8. The next Port of Houston trip may be delayed until next spring. Reservations need to be made for seventy.

9. Men's Club Mail Box Project Status: Roger Valdez reported they are ready to start cleaning and painting each box. This will be done on Saturdays and Sundays to assure they would be dry before the next mail delivery. Arlen Stiefvater will provide the airless sprayers and Roger has the generator.
10. Fourth of July Event: John Devereaux plans for 300 attendees which will be served Hot Dogs and trimmings with Iced Tea, Lemonade and Dixie Cups for dessert. Need to sign-up at the front desk. Chairperson David will not be present. Mayor Reid has been invited, but has not yet committed. The Pearland Band will play from the stage. More chairs are needed to accommodate them and all attendees.
Decorations will be done by Jack Lauber and crew. We still need volunteers for cooks, servers and cleanup people. Belles will be requested for their assistance. Men's Club will solicit volunteers also. John Rodriguez volunteered to be parade coordinator. A post meeting for planning will be held after this meeting.
11. Bob Stockinger recommended we buy a good kitchen slicer (for about \$200.00).
12. Flag Volunteers for July. Benny and Denny volunteered and Bill Burdick will be their back up.
13. John Devereaux reported on the large grill problems. After reading the manual and consulting the factory-it was recommended that only those who know how it should be used should touch it. Frenchy, Bob and John have thoroughly cleaned the burners, lines and grill. A spare regulator was ordered and will be stored in the custodian's room. (\$38.00).
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Submitted by Denny Mulcahy