

## Rockville Veteran's Monument Committee

March 2 - 6:30pm – Rockville Fire Hall

Members Present – Rosie Steil, Daryl Steil, Dale Borgmann, David Patterson, Rod Schaefer, Ed Schutz, Jeff Howe, Brian Knappek, Kevin Erkens, Ed Karls Marie Lingl, and Tim Lingl.

Members absent – Jode Boldt, Scott Perrault, and Rodney Schaefer

1. Financial Report –
  - a. Was presented by Committee Treasurer Kevin Erkens and approved by the committee.
2. Expenses from Committee:
  - a. Committee approval to pay Cold Spring Record for flyers
  - b. Approval to purchase postage and manila envelopes to send out the receipt certificates that cannot be hand delivered. Tim will purchase and then get reimbursed.
3. Grants update:
  - a. Initiative Foundation awarded the committee \$1,000
  - b. Operation Round up (Stearn's Electric) – Rosie submitted a grant application for \$500 to help with advertising expenses.
    - i. Her contact will present the application as written. If there are concerns, he will table it in their committee and help us to rewrite it. He feels strongly that they will award something to our cause.
  - c. Knife River – Rosie and Daryl submitted a grant application for \$4,000 to help cover the cost of concrete.
  - d. Letter written and sent by Rod Schaefer and Jeff Howe for a World Trade Center remnant. We have not heard anything in response yet.
  - e. State Legacy fund – That situation is fluid as congress is in session. Jeff Howe is monitoring that situation and will make changes as previously discussed if necessary.
4. Reply letters –
  - a. Receipt/Reply Letters were handed out for distribution. The remaining receipt certificates will be mailed. Tim will pick up postage and manila envelopes.
    - i. All thought it appropriate to use the large envelopes so that we do not need to fold the receipt certificates.
5. Contacts: How are things going? –
  - a. Making progress, receiving some commitments, receiving some \$\$\$. Lots of groups have committed to do something. There is lots of buzz/support for this project in the community. Things are starting to happen.

- b. Cold Spring Fire and Rescue Relief Association – Past and Present Members have committed to donate \$5,000 for a bench placement. They will pay \$2,500 down and \$2,500 before July 1. They would like the bench to denote the following:  
“Cold Spring Fire and Rescue Relief Association – Past and Present Members.”
6. Coldspring has donated a coffee table to our committee. It is made out of Mesabi black granite. We will use it as an incentive for anyone submitting a name(s) before July 1, 2016 to be placed on the monument. WE will have a drawing during the first week in July. We will set-up the coffee table to display by our booth at the Fire Department Fish Fry.
7. Fish Fry:
  - a. The annual Rockville Fire Department Fish Fry will be on March 11 from 4:00-8:00pm. We will have a booth there as it is well attended by Fire Fighters from area communities.
8. Parade in Marty:
  - a. The St Patrick’s Day parade in Marty will be on March 12. Parade line up is at noon and the parade begins at 1pm. Rod Schaefer cut monument to scale pieces. Daryl, Frank Neu, and Dale assembled them. They painted it shiny black like Mesabi Granite. We wanted to build something to scale and place it on a trailer for people to see during the parade (and for the fish fry?)
9. Facebook / E-Mail address / Pay on-line
  - a. Marie set up a Facebooks page. It is “Veterans Monument in Rockville”
  - b. Marie also set up an e-mail address for our committee. It is veterans.monument.committee@hotmail.com
    - i. Kevin Erkens set-up a PayPal account and directed them to our facebook page for an application form.
10. Building permit has been received by the city. We will need inspections throughout the construction phases.
11. Attach Flyers to bulletins
  - a. Jeff Howe printed off several hundred flyers to distribute with upcoming church bulletins. We felt that possibly April would be a good time for this to serve as a reminder for those that have put off their decision.
12. Flag pole bids –
  - a. 40’ flag pole is \$1,000 more than the 30’ pole.
  - b. Daryl and Rosie measured the current US flag pole. It is not 30’ as previously thought. It is only 25”. Therefore we can purchase the 30’ pole for \$1,900 (including installation).
  - c. A POW flag has been donated.
  - d.

13. Dedication Day:

- a. A Bag Pipes player has volunteered to play on dedication day through (Brian Knapek).
  - i. We will need to begin planning our dedication day, present options, and decide what we want before we accept commitments.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30pm at the Rockville Fire Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.