

Arnold Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2016
Time: 4 P.M.

Place: Arnold City Hall
2101 Jeffco Blvd.
Arnold, MO 63010

Present: David "Moose" McArthur II
Carolyn Doty
Julie Rose
Aaron Bean
Vernon Sullivan
Bryan Richison
Sylvester Biermann

Guests: Stephanie Kirk

1. Opening: Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion made by Julie, seconded by Carolyn. Motion approved
3. We went around the room getting everyone's opinion on how the Parade went.
 - a. The school was very pleased.
 - b. The Ford Club Unlimited had a great time, and would like to be in the parade again next year.
 - c. Dr. Wipke was in awe of how well the parade went.
 - d. Overall everyone thought the turnout was very good.
4. It was discussed about changing the location of the parade route. It was unanimously decided to keep the route the same next year.
5. There are a few things we will change for next year:
 - a. RSVP by November 1st

- b. Make sure Dr. Wipke knows what time the parade is to start, therefore what time we will be at the school grounds.
 - c. Inform all the participants to keep the parade going, to keep from having gaps.
 - d. Talk to the Student Council Advisors about getting the flyer to us in plenty of time that we can put it in the paperwork. That way we get the correct count for the luncheon.
 - e. Speak with the Band Teacher to make sure they know when to fall into line.
 - f. The old wreath was put away by the Students, we would like to take it back to the trailer for the following year.
 - g. Ask the Student Council Advisors if they can request the same speaker as they had this year.
6. The next parade will be on Friday November 10th, 2017.
 7. We will need two (2) new Veterans Commission signs. The other four (4) signs were in such a state they could not be repaired.
 8. Moose received a phone call from a group that restores old military vehicles that they would like to be in the parade next year. It was discussed and it was a unanimous vote to allow them in.
 9. Syl advised us that he knows through the American Legion in Manchester, a group of American Riders if we would like motorcycles in the parade next year.
 10. Moose asked Bryan how many more members we need to fill the quota. It was determined that we only need one (1) more member. This person can be a non-veteran.
 11. For future reference we have to have 3 veterans, 2 from the VFW and 2 non-veterans.
 12. Moose let us know that after the first of the year he wants us to get started on the Purple Heart Parking spots. Brian suggested we talk to the Leader to get the word out. Maybe we can start with City Hall, the Rec Center, Jefferson College, Applebee's, Auto Zone and Ponderosa. We will make sure they know the signs are free. If any business does not want to mess up their parking lot it was suggested that they put the sign in a bucket of cement.
 13. There will not be a meeting in December.

14. Julie was asked to update the contact list.

15. Sid Stanton of the Purple Heart Association wants to attend our next meeting to hand out a special pin to each member of the Commission. The pin says "A Proud Purple Heart Supporter".

16. It was reported that there were 130 Veterans at the Parade this year.

Adjournment: Motion made by Aaron, seconded by Carolyn. Motion approved.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Rose, Secretary