

W2C December Meeting Minutes*

** The December meeting was cancelled due to weather so this is meeting minute for a virtual meeting.*

December Cookie Fundraiser (12/6)

Our first annual Cookie Exchange Fundraiser at the TC Davis Bed and Breakfast was so much fun! We raised \$285. Participants were asked to bring two plates of cookies. One plate was placed in a large table and the other was placed in the back room. In exchange for the plates of cookies and \$10, participants received a larger paper platter in which they could take any cookie from the large table. There was a Saran Warp station in which they could wrap their platter when completed. They were then encouraged to eat cookies and have tea or punch. The B&B was decorated beautifully and the owners, Lisa and Steve Bolduc offered tours of their home. The second plate of cookies was used to prepare large decorative trays of cookie assortments that were delivered to 18 local military families. Additional cookies trays were sent the next day to the Rosemount Armory for the full time unit working there. Participants at the cookie exchange were directed to a table with all 18 cards to sign for the military families that went with the trays. Lisa and Steve are willing to make this an annual fundraising event. The only disappointment was not enough people...we would have liked to see more participants and we only delivered to the families we knew about..would have been nice to have more families to deliver to. It was very fun and festive and everyone loved the cookies that we delivered!

Breakfast w/Santa (12/19)

This Saturday from 10-12 is the Thrivent Financial sponsored Breakfast with Santa for military families. Lisa Sammlar was able to get some of the school students to help. About 40 children are registered to attend. Lisa Sammlar and Annette are volunteering and will have a W2C table.

ACTION: Volunteers are still needed starting 0930 so if you can help, even for an hour or two, please let Annette know.

March Family PD Night (3/2)

This is all set and Steve is checking on the McGruff costume and the Canine unit after the holidays. We will have one planning meeting to prepare for the evening. If you know of any military families, pass the word. Lisa Sammlar will send flyers throughout the school again.

ACTION: Let Annette know if you would like to help plan this evening event.

Spaghetti Fundraiser (3/7)

All set for the fundraiser which will be held at the Legion on Sunday, March 7. We **NEED** to presell at least 300 tickets. This is very important otherwise, they may not be willing to hold the fundraiser for us. Michelle is printing out tickets for us to sell.

ACTION: If you would like to have some tickets before the holiday to sell to family members, let Annette know and she will get them to you. If not, Michelle will bring to the January meeting.

Swarm Game (4/9)

Friday, April 9 at 7:35PM is the Swarm Game (Professional Men's' Lacrosse Team) at the Excel Energy Center. They will be playing the Rochester Knighthawks. Lower Level End Zone seats will be available for \$25 (regularly \$29) and \$5 from every ticket sold will go to Warrior to Citizen. We will also be given a chance to do a 5 minute presentation about our organization! It is City Royalty Night and Miss Farmington chose our organization to be highlighted. Thank you Rachel! We can all wear our W2C t-shirts too!

ACTION: At the January meeting we will discuss the idea of offering free buses from Farmington to attend the game. Steve will check with Marshall Lines to see if they would donate the bus. In the meantime, block your calendars and start passing the word!

ACTION: Who is willing to let any local LaCrosse Teams know about this to see if they can attend?

Mother's Luncheon (5/8)

Paulette will give an update at the next meeting but we know it will be at St Michael's Church on May 8.

ACTION: Mark your calendar and reach to your networks for donations!

Military Family Picnic (5/22)

Ron will give us an update at the January meeting.

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Jodi will give us an update at the January meeting.

Christmas Card Message

Last meeting Karen mentioned a letter that she sends every Thanksgiving telling people about a cause. She tweaked it for us for how people can support Farmington Warrior to Citizen and we thought it would be neat to have everyone in the core committee send a similar message to as many friends or family members that they would feel comfortable sending. I apologize to everyone, I was supposed to get this out and have people send in their holiday cards but I was late. I will attach this to the email so you can send out. Sorry about that! Perhaps New Years Greetings?

Veteran Dinners

Roberta and Paulette were checking with their churches to begin to offer Free Veterans Dinners starting in January. We agreed to try it for five months (Jan-May) to determine if it is a sustaining program. We will target the marketing to younger veterans but invite all veterans with the hopes of connecting younger and older veterans. The churches will provide the food, space, volunteers and free transportation and W2C will do the marketing. (we can also volunteer). We will obtain RSVPs so the churches know how many to expect. We are hoping to have it be a regular day such as the third Thursday of the month or something like that.

ACTION: We need three more churches for March-April-May. Let Annette know if you are willing to contact a church to commit.

ACTION: Can Karen do the PR once our first date is set?

Cross City Welcome Home

Annette has been contacted by the City of Eagan and Rosemount to see if we are interested in coming together to have a cross-city welcome home for the unit coming home possibly as early as January/February. Now of course, they sent the idea but don't really want to run with it as far as leading the effort but I thought it might be a good thing to talk about and connect the cities on as it definitely aligns with our mission. Ideas such as providing breakfast, snacks for the families as they are waiting, creating gift bags for the families to take home, signs along the route, etc.

ACTION: Annette will reach out to the names she has for Rosemount, Hastings, Lakeville and Eagan to gauge interest.

Guard Weekend Meal

We spoke about W2C going over to the Rosemount Armory on a weekend drill and providing a home cooked meal for the soldiers. Annette spoke with Captain Kline, the Commander out of the Rosemount Armory. He is thinking perhaps the May/June timeframe would work and there are about 90 soldiers to feed. He is checking on any regulations needed (IE: we need to prepare the food there or have their chefs in attendance, or any other legality needed). He asked if we would be willing to go to either Rosemount or Inver Grove Heights and I said, "Of course!" He liked the idea of an outdoor BBQ picnic too. How cool would that be to serve the soldiers in our red W2C t-shirts and give them a great lunch on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon?

PS: When I told him where I was from, he said, "I have heard of you guys...I heard you are doing a great job supporting us." Made my day...yahoo!

Farmington Community Expo (1/30)

We have been invited back to have a table at the Farmington Expo on Saturday, January 30 from 9-12. This is a great way to get the word out into the community so hopefully no one objects to Annette registering a booth (cost \$25 from W2C account).

ACTION: Need W2C Committee volunteers to man the booth and set up and take down. Let Annette know if you can work a shift.

Treasury Report:

\$5,368.22 (Account up to date with Cookie Fundraiser deposit)

Next Meeting Date
Tuesday, January 26
6:30-8PM

Upcoming Meetings:
February 23
March 23
April 27