

## Warrior 2 Citizen Campaign

Farmington, MN.

February 23, 2010

Members present: Barb Frank, Jean Lesetmoe, Sandy Roberts, Bobbie and Tom Girard, Steve and Annette Kuyper, Brad and Roberta Kruger, Rona nd Bev Ersfeld, Sarah Miller, Tom Huonder, Paulette Olson, Lynn Lau, Bobbi Jedlicki

### Monthly Veterans Dinner:

First one is March 1st, at the Episcopal Church of Advent, 412 Oak St. Farmington. Have 9 RSVP for the first dinner.

**Update: Dinner was successful. Would like to have more there but it was a start. Asked all veterans present to bring another vet next time.**

Next Dinner: Monday, April 5 at 6:00PM The River Community Church, 408 Third Street

**ACTION: Pass the word to get more veterans there. Annette will talk to Karen about PR closer to date.**

### Military Family Night:

March 2 at the Farmington PD Refreshments - cookies & lemonade, two bicycles donated from the PD for auction. Flyers have gone out thru the schools, McGruff will be there. Also the Canine unit and the Farmington Railroad Club.

**Update: Less families than last year. Railroad club was a hit. Committee will discuss possibilities for next year.**

### Spaghetti Fund Raiser:

March 7th at the Farmington American Legion from 4 - 7pm. Important to have 300 presold tickets. Decided we should have a dessert. Annette will talk to Bob at the legion.

**Update: We had \$300 in donations that covered the \$236.54 we spent on food. We had to pay \$437 to the Legion for the room, staff and salad. They waived that fee last year. After that was taken out, we raised \$1242.00 (last year was \$1200 so about the same). Annette will place on the March agenda so we can discuss plan for next year.**

### Swarm Game:

April 9th at the Excel Energy Center, Bus transportation available from Farmington American Legion, at a cost of \$5.00 a ticket.

**Update: Annette will follow up with Lindsey Bailey on how to get this out more. Tickets have not been selling. All Lacrosse Teams in area have been notified.**

### Mother/Grandmother Luncheon:

May 8, 11:30am - 3:30pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 22120 Denmark Ave. Farmington Flyers ready for distribution, Red Hat Ladies from Lakeville will provide entertainment, Valet Parking.

Decorations by Kris Akin. Next planning meeting: March 31 6:15PM at Church of the Advent.

**ACTION: Annette will mail out flyers to the people who attended last year.**

### Military Family Picnic:

May 22nd at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. Boy Scouts to help with parking. Menu - hot dogs, chips, bars, water etc. Resource Tables and VA providing a van where counseling can be provided if needed. Helicopter and military vehicles will be on display. There will be an obstacle course and a climbing wall. Local high school athletes will provide stations for football, baseball, cheerleading and LaCrosse.

**ACTION: First planning meeting is 6:30pm March 16th at the Farmington VFW.**

National Guard Weekend Meal:

Farmington, Lakeville, Inver Grove Hgts., and Rosemount to participate. No date has been set yet. But are looking at sometime in July or August.

**ACTION: Annette will follow up with Captain Kline to come up with a date.**

Reintegration Weekends:

Minneapolis Convention Center - Looking for a group from Farmington to participate on April 10/11 from 6:30am - 4:00pm.

**ACTION: Annette will send out details for sign up.**

#### New Action Plans:

Dew Days June 17 - 20<sup>th</sup>:

Looking for ways to participate to help us meet Military Families. Possible to partner with the VFW for parade.

W2C Name:

Some concern from Yellow Ribbon Network - there is confusion between Yellow Ribbon and Warrior 2 Citizen Group. General opinion not to change our name but to be very conscientious of incorporating the Yellow Ribbon Logo into all activities.

Climb Theater:

A national group doing a play on reintegration. They will be at our March 23rd meeting to give us more information.

Downtown Days: July 17th & 18th

The theme will be Military Appreciation. Will decorate windows in honor of our military and be offering discount coupons to military families. Will also have a guest author who writes on military families do an presentation at the library. Bev Ersfeld is our liaison with that planning committee and will report back planning progress at future meetings.

Treasury Report

Current balance \$4,900. Does not include funds from presold spaghetti dinner tickets.

Next/New Action Steps:

**ACTION: Annette and Tom will attend a School Board Meeting to see how we can get more participation from the school leaders of our community. Also on getting back into the schools to celebrate Veterans Day.**

#### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 23, 6:30pm - 8:00pm at City Hall**

NOTE: Thanks to Sarah Miller who filled in as secretary for Lisa Sammlar!