

## **Warrior to Citizen- Meeting Minutes**

### **5/26/09**

Attendees: Maribeth Vanderbeck, Paulette Olson, Barb Frank, Scott Mills, Lisa Akin, Rita Cox, Roberta and Brad Kruger, Tom Huonder, Justine Jacobson, Lisa Sammlar, Annette Kuyper

#### **Military Family Day – 5/9/09:**

It was noted that 47 children attended this event. The Boy Scouts did a superb job assisting us that day. The helicopter was a huge hit with the spectators. We had 20 U of M athletes as well as some of our own Tiger athletes in attendance. The day was a great hit even though the weather was a little on the cool side. Next year we will look at holding this event a little later in the spring.

**Action: Securing a later date for next year.**

#### **Dew Days – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 2009:**

The W2C group will be assisting in the Food Ticket Booth. Annette has sent out an email asking for volunteers. All events will take place at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. On Sunday there will be a parade at 2p.m. and the W2C group will be represented on the VFW float. Annette is asking a couple of our military families if they would like to ride on the float.

**Action: Volunteers needed to sign up with Annette to work at the Food Ticket Booth. Friday has been filled. Help needed Saturday and Sunday for a three-hour shift.**

#### **Vietnam Veteran Day – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

Annette is sending out personal invitations with all the details to possible attendees. The coach bus will leave the Farmington Legion at 12:30p.m, partake in the celebration at the Capitol at 2p.m. and return to Farmington at approximately 5:30 p.m. The bus will depart at that time from North Trail Elementary, will ride on a parade route through Farmington and end up back at the American Legion. At the Legion, there will be free food for the Veterans and the Farmington High School Band will be playing with all members wearing yellow shirts. Lisa Akin secured a donation from the Farmington Dairy Queen for ice cream for the day.

**Action: Annette will be going door to door asking people along the parade route to decorate their homes with flags if possible.**

#### **December Cookie Exchange:**

Kara Hildreth has volunteered to head, lead and organize this fundraising event for W2C. It will occur sometime in December and will be located at the TC Davis House. Participants will bring cookies and walk away with an assortment of different cookies and proceeds will benefit W2C.

**Action: Kara will let us know if we are needed to volunteer for any part of this.**

#### **Kids Fun Day – (Possible dates, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009):**

This event will provide parents with some free time before Christmas to spend the day together with their spouse, do some shopping, etc. while their children are entertained with a day of activities at a soon to be determined location. We would like to see this be a full day, possibly from 9-4 or 9-5p.m. Operation Military Kids has volunteered to run this event for W2C, taking care of having trained personnel with the needed background checks staffing the event.

**Action: Scott Mills will check with LaPetite Daycare to see if they would allow us to host this event at their facility.**

**Haunted House – October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

The event will run two days from 7-10p.m. We will again have our Wall of Heroes and collect pictures sooner this year and only copies as it is difficult to return originals to their rightful owners. W2C will need to help out in the kitchen, man our W2C table and create the Wall of Heroes Wall.

**Patriotic Day – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

This is a community celebration being organized by some Farmington School administrators as well as other community members and the Farmington Lions. The event will include a free community dinner at the new Farmington High School in the early evening followed by a concert by the Army Band at 7p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Civic Honors Class wrote letters inviting Michelle Obama to the event. One of the themes of the event is to show “how to give back to your community.” W2C will have the Wall of Heroes as well as a booth at the event. They are planning approximately 800 people to attend the event.

**UPDATE: Heard from the White House that Michelle Obama will not be able to attend. W2C Volunteers will be needed that evening to man the W2C booth.**

**Steve Berger Picture:**

It was decided to ask Veterans to sign this beautiful picture that was painted by Steve Berger who also designed the W2C Logo. We will have the picture available for signing at the Haunted House, American Legion, VFW and then we will donate the picture back to the City of Farmington.

**Congregational Care Conference:**

This will take place at the Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple Valley sometime in September or October. The book entitled, “Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal” will be used for some discussion points.

**W2C T-Shirts:**

Marybeth will speak to a T-shirt company about getting our logo printed on yellow shirts. We would sell the shirts at Dew Days and other events. Annette informed us business cards with our logo on them will be arriving shortly.

**Action: Marybeth is checking into this and will get back to us with prices.**

**Fall Community Training:**

There was a discussion if we felt having a training would be beneficial to our community members in order to educate the public about deployment, life in the military, etc. All members agreed this would be a worthwhile event. Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

**ACTION: Scott will check with some good speakers for this event.**

**Treasury Report:**

We have \$2,313.16 in our budget. We spent \$210 on our Military Gopher Sports Camp. We were given a \$95 donation from someone's bowling banquet and an unknown amount is still coming in that someone has donated from her father's memorial. Her father was a Vietnam Veteran.

Meeting was adjourned.

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**Next Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, June 23, 2009 6:30p.m.  
Farmington City Hall**