

## Warrior to Citizen-Meeting Minutes 4/28/09

Attendees: Annette Kuyper, Steve Kuyper, Paulette Olson, Barb Frank, Ron Ersfeld, Bev Ersfeld, Roberta Kruger, Brad Kruger, Sarah Miller, Thomas Huonder, Fred Olson, Lisa Akin, Rita Cox, Jean Lesetmoe, Joe Folz, Ken Kelly, John Bakke, Mike Burton

Follow Up/In-progress Action Plans:

### Military Mother/Grandmother Luncheon – Saturday, April 18, 12:00

The committee led by Paulette Olson did an awesome job. About 47 plates were served and a wonderful time was had by all. The committee has been receiving kudos from the mothers all week. The committee will collect lessons learned to carry to next year. Huge success!

### Congregational Care Conference-Saturday April 25-9-2PM

This was unfortunately cancelled due to low registration. (only 11 registered). However, Rosemount and Lakeville are both hard at work starting up Warrior to Citizen Groups so the National Guard agreed to try again in the fall with partnership from those cities to put it on.

### Military Family Day/Sports Camp – Saturday May 9, 12-4

The planning committee led by Ron Ersfeld is hard at work and have divided up the tasks. We have about 65 children registered. We will have army vehicles and a Blackhawk helicopter landing. Annette has confirmed about 25 resource tables and 20 Gopher Athletes will be running the sports camp. Much generosity from the Fairgrounds in donating a building and tables and chairs to help make this a great event! Good weather predicted too!

**UPDATE: The picnic was a huge success! The climbing wall and Blackhawk helicopter were the biggest draw.**

**ACTION: Will book the picnic for next year but a little later since it was rather chilly day. Will try for the weekend before Memorial Day.**

### Warrior to Citizen Website

The website has been set up: [www.FarmingtonW2C.org](http://www.FarmingtonW2C.org) . Thanks to Tom Herme who has been working hard on it. Now, we need it to mature. We have received the logo from Artist Steve and Tom will get it on the site.

**ACTION: Please send in any suggestions to help this site mature!**

### City Signs

Annette has heard from the Guard who has spoken to MNDOT. They have a new logo which depicts a yellow ribbon encircling the state of Minnesota. Annette brought a picture to the meeting. It does designate "First Yellow Ribbon City" on them. They hope to have them up before the May 9<sup>th</sup> picnic.

**ACTION: Sign #1 went up at Hwy 3. Still working on getting the others for all city entrances. Next meeting we will meet at 6PM and get our picture taken by the sign.**

### Event Binder

Annette passed around a binder and form that we will use to record lessons learned for any recurring events we plan. We can capture the process and what worked as well as numbers for the planning committee the following year. Still a work in progress but gave everyone an idea of what it will include to help the planning processes in the future.

## **New Action Plans:**

### Memorial Day

Events both on Sunday and Monday. Would be nice to have a Warrior to Citizen presence at the events. Our own, CSM Scott Mills will be speaking at Monday's program.

**ACTION: Annette will get times and more details and send out to committee. Could we have t-shirts by then? Anyone willing to check into how we can get those made?**

### Farmington Dew Days June 25-28 (Parade on June 28)

The committee discussed ways Warrior to Citizen can participate in Farmington Dew Days the last week of June. Many options were considered but the group decided to sell food tickets at the concession booth. Perhaps we can do more next year such as form a bed race team. We also can have a presence on the VFW float.

**ACTION: Annette will get shift dates and times out to the committee.**

**ACTION: Annette will check with the 6 deployed families we know about to see if they would like to ride on the float.**

### Patriotic Day-November 7

W2C has received a request to partner with the planning committee who plan the annual Veterans Day Celebration. This has usually been in the schools but this year they would like to have a community event and call it: Patriotic Day. They are still working on getting Michele Obama to attend.

**ACTION: Annette and Steve Kuyper and Bev Ersfeld are on the planning committee. They will report back after the next meeting.**

### Minnesota Honors Vietnam Veterans June 13- State Capital

The state is putting together an event to welcome home and honor Vietnam Veterans. The program is still being put together: [www.mnhonorsvietnamvets.org](http://www.mnhonorsvietnamvets.org). The committee had lively about how this can look. Annette has applied to the Rotary Club to pay the \$250 for a coach bus from Marshall Lines. The Farmington Business Association will decorate downtown and the High School Band will play in the Legion parking lot. Need to get PR out to have Veterans sign up.

**ACTION: The planning committee will take several challenges the group put forth such as bus timing, community participation and logistical issues and come back with recommendations.**

### Support Our Troops Haunted House 10/10-10/11

Committee overwhelming agreed to replicate our Wall of Heroes and man a table at the Haunted House. It will be held on October 10th and 11th from 7-10PM. We will man our table and set up the Wall of Heroes. We will also help Bev and Ron Ersfeld with the food station.

**ACTION: Start to collect pictures of any local service members you know. 8x10 was good size or 5x7. Please have family make the copy so we do not have to send back the picture.**

### Christmas-Fun Day November TBD

Scheduling a day for parents to go Christmas shopping while we have fun activities/lunch for kids. Sometime in November so they have an opportunity to send the gifts to the soldiers overseas. Annette has checked with the U of MN and may be able to get some students willing to plan the day and activities as an assignment. Also the local 4-H kids may be willing to do it if the U of MN students cannot. Still need to find a location and also concerned about background checks on volunteers.

**ACTION: Annette will check with the Operation Military Kids leader to determine how we need to "qualify volunteers" to care for the children.**

December Cookie Exchange

Annette was approach by a volunteer who has done a cookie exchange fundraiser. People bring in cookies for a fee and exchange them. The proceeds go to W2C. Also, cookies can be collected for the deployed family members for delivery. This volunteer was ready to do it all...may need some shift help.

**ACTION: Annette will get back to her to tell her to go ahead. We do not have the resources to plan it but if she will, that would be awesome!**

Treasury

Steve and Ken opened our bank account.

Balance: \$2,428.16 (awesome job on the Spaghetti Dinner!)

**Next Meeting Date:  
May 26, 2009  
6:30PM  
Farmington City Hall**

**Mark you calendars:**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**June 23**

**July 21**

**August 25**

**September 22**

**October 27**

**November 17\***

**December 8\***

**\*Change due to Holiday**

**(See page 4 for committee lists)**

## Warrior to Citizen Committees

**Action: Let Annette know if you are interested in helping on an event committee.**

### **Vietnam Veterans Celebration (Saturday, June 13)**

Annette Kuyper	Lisa Akin
John Guist	Paulette Olson
Maribeth Vanderbeck	Michelle Leonard

### **Ongoing Roles/Committees:**

#### **Treasury:**

Steve Kuyper  
Ken Kelly

#### **Secretary:**

Lisa Sammlar

#### ***Need back up:***

#### **Thank You Note Writers:**

Paulette Olson  
Kim Price  
Bev Ersfeld

#### **Business Partnership Committee:**

Annette Kuyper	Ron/Bev Ersfeld
Michele Samuelson	Scott Mills
Karen Ogden	