

MINUTES
THORNTON VETERANS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
June 5, 2006

Attendees: Greg Banks
Carol Beckler
Charlene Branaugh
Jim Branaugh
Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller
David Corey
Tony Hake
Cleto Sandoval
Trudie Schultz
Tami William
Willie William
Martin Wisniewski

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Willie William presented a plaque from Comforts of Home.
3. July 3, 2006 meeting will not be held due to the holiday. The July 10, 2006 meeting will be at the park at the Thornton Recreation Center at 110th and Colorado Boulevard for the flag retirement ceremony.
4. Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller reminded the group to get the application and \$50.00 registration fee for the 50th Anniversary Parade.
 - a. Bob Heller said he would donate the \$50.00. Martin Wisniewski made a motion to be part of the parade and Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller seconded the motion.
 - b. Suggestion was made to do the same or very similar for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2006.
 - c. Float should have a motorcycle escort. Banner is being made that can be used. Picture boards showing the park should be visible from both sides. The impact of having a flag draped coffin on the float with a member of each branch of the service was discussed. The design was tabled till after the Fourth of July.
5. The plans for the Fourth of July were discussed.
 - a. Presentation of Veterans begins at 7:00 p.m. on the Jumbotron.
 - b. A sign up sheet will be circulated for coverage of the booth. The booth will be manned from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Canopy can only be set up on the Fourth of July.

- c. Samples of clothing and hats that will be offered on the website will be ordered so people can see the items and place orders at the booth on the Fourth of July. Flashing blinky lights in three different patterns (ribbons, stars and flags) will also be sold at \$6.00 apiece or two for \$10.00 (sales tax included in price).
 - i. Ribbons cost \$.69 each in quantities of 50.
 - ii. Stars cost \$1.14 each in quantities of 100.
 - iii. Flags cost \$1.24 each in quantities of 100.
- d. Martin Wisniewski has arranged for the Thornton Veteran's Memorial group to do a small presentation from the grandstand.

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- 6. "Quickbooks" is the accounting software we will be using for accounting. When submitting future invoices for reimbursement or payment, they need to be exclusively for the Thornton Veteran's Memorial.
- 7. Thank you letters were sent out to those who supported the fundraiser.
- 8. Boy Scouts have a Cub Scout Day Camp starting this week and want 50 pins to sell. Comforts of Home wants 25 of each pin design to sell.
- 9. Greg Banks is still looking for an Engineer who will do work for us pro bono.
 - a. The City of Thornton Infrastructure Engineer needs to know the name of the engineer we are going to use by mid to late June.
 - b. Diane Van Fossen is looking into who will pay for the engineering of the water tank to support the memorial above it.
- 10. Cost estimate for plantings in memorial is \$50,000. Overall cost of memorial estimated at 1.5 million with all the features we want and with quality materials.
- 11. Greg Banks has contact for sports teams in the area to get merchandise with authorized logos for silent auction items.
- 12. Greg Banks is in the Colorado National Guard and can get us personnel and help for the parades on September 9th and November 11th.
- 13. Patriot Guard Riders have a deuce and a half that may be available for use.

14. Westminster Elks have been asked to donate to our organization. Dave Corey's Dad is a member and has volunteered to take flyers for our events to the lodge. Shirt sales are also possible. They meet on Tuesday nights.
15. Participation in more Adams County events is needed. Long range planning needs to be done.
 - a. Adams County Fair and Parade is August 1, 2006.
16. Tony Hake has prepared presentation materials for large donors.
17. Tami William presented Terry Cooper's idea that hold only one general meeting a month and reserve the second meeting date for the various committees to meet.
18. Our next general meeting will be held July 17, 2006 at Thornton City Hall at 7:00 p.m.
19. Cleto Sandoval suggested having coffee mugs and water bottles with out logo on them as either sale items or to hand out as advertising.
20. Martin Wisniewski moved that the meeting be closed and Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller seconded the motion.