

MINUTES
THORNTON VETERANS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
November 5, 2007

Attendees:	Tony Hake	Greg Banks
	Char Branaugh	Bob Hughes
	Kathy Grossman	Martin Wisniewski
	Chris Stewart	Linda Wisniewski
	Jim Branaugh	Richard Grossman

1. October meeting minutes were not available. They will be submitted for acceptance at the next meeting.
2. Membership Report – Nothing to report.
3. Treasurer's Report – No report. Tami William unable to attend.
 - a. We did have 2 brick orders (one 4 X 8, one 8 X 8)
4. Community Relations
 - a. We will have an ad asking for donations in the Sentinel on Thursday, November 8 and one in Tidbits next week.
 - b. An article will be posted to YourHub for Veterans Day.
5. Web Site
 - a. We had 1,559 visitors to the website.
 - b. News and other information up to date.
6. Design Committee
 - a. Greg is waiting for the grading plans from the city to determine location and how that may play into the design.
 - b. Committee is brainstorming ideas for the service branch monuments, pentagon and obelisk. If members have any ideas, they should send them to Greg.
7. Fundraising Committee
 - a. A direct mailing to Thornton businesses is in the works and will be sent out between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Letter is currently being drafted.
 - b. Donation from Jordon Perlumutter & Co. for \$5000.00 was accepted on October 31. The other \$5000.00 of their \$10,000 pledge will be presented to TVMF in March 2008.
 - c. Hughes Consulting has contacted Federal politicians about the possibility of some sort of a grant or award.
 - d. The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall has been scheduled to be at the city's Independence Day celebration. We will be seeking corporate sponsors to help pay for it. Cost is \$7,000.
8. Old Business
 - a. Jim Branaugh made a presentation to the Thornton VFW general membership meeting. The Ladies Auxiliary has said they would like to help out with fundraising (Beth Bingham).
 - b. Wal-Mart has accepted our matching grant application (\$1000.00) for brick sales. A presentation for this month will be scheduled.

- c. Tony Hake was at the Ward III Meeting on October 18 and fielded a few questions from attendees.
 - d. Tony Hake and Bob Hughes met with the city of Thornton (Diane Van Fossen) and Great Outdoors Colorado (John Swartout & Wally Piccone) to discuss grant opportunities. Unfortunately, because GOCO grants must be made directly to the city, there is little chance of TVMF receiving money.
9. New Business
- a. Tony Hake is working with S.I. to get sample bricks that have more generic wording on them.
 - b. Monday, November 12th Golden Corral in Thornton will have a Veterans Appreciation Dinner hosted with the DAV.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2007.
11. Motion was made that the meeting be closed. Motion was seconded and moved.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Wisniewski
Secretary