



1879 Schoolhouse
1862 Route 106
Perkinsville, VT 05151

Members Present:

deForest Bearse, Patience Bearse, Dylan Brown, Alison Roth, Mark Richardson

Members Absent:

Gloria Ballentine, John Arrison

4/16/24

Mrs. Bearse called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Motion to approve the minutes of 2/21/24.

Made: Mr. Richardson **Second:** Ms. Roth
Unanimous in favor

Memorial Day Ceremony

Mrs. Bearse discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony. She explained that we are not looking for a guest speaker this year and instead are looking for all members to take an active role in the ceremony.

Mrs. Bearse revealed the theme for this year's ceremony is courage as this upcoming June marks the 80th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy (D-Day).

Mr. Richardson agreed to speak about D-Day and the ceremony Mr. Brown agreed to speak about courage.

Mrs. Bearse said that she is donating paper poppies to the committee to staple to the programs this year.

Mrs. Bearse said there was no need to reimburse her for this purchase.

Mrs. Bearse mentioned the committee will be honoring the late Darrin Spaulding at the 2024 Memorial Day ceremony.

Ms. Bearse said she will contribute music to the ceremony.

Ms. Roth inquired about the wreath for the ceremony.

Motion: To authorize spending up to \$150 for a wreath for the memorial day ceremony.

Made: Mr. Brown **Second:** Ms. Roth
Unanimous in favor.



Mrs. Bearse will contact the Catamount Composite Squadron and the first responders to contribute to the ceremony. Mr. David Bearse will bring the traffic signs for the day of the ceremony.

Mr. Brown mentioned that he and his father will be working on the Veterans Park garden this summer.

Mrs. Bearse discussed advertising for the ceremony.

2024 Town Festival

Ms. Bearse discussed the Committee's representation at the 2024 Town Festival. Mrs. Bearse suggested the Committee's both host a copy of the Roll of Honor for public viewing and input. Mr. Brown offered to have a copy made.

Mrs. Bearse proposed having a pamphlet made to pass out during the festival with information about the Committee.

Mr. Brown volunteered to bring a humvee for the festival.

Mrs. and Ms. Bearse suggested having buttons to sell either for a fixed price or by donation. Mr. Brown said he could bring a button maker to aid with this venture. Ms. Bearse asked if the Committee could purchase a button maker for regular Committee use. Mrs. Bearse asked Ms. Bearse to look into the cost of a button maker.

Regular Meetings

Mrs. Bearse asked for the Committee to meet more regularly and asked everyone to come up with a regular date to meet on.

Logo Reimbursement

Mrs. Bearse discussed the reimbursement to Ms. Bearse for the Committee's logo.

Motion: To reimburse Patience Bearse in the amount of \$150 for the creation of the Committee logo.

Made: Mr. Richardson

Second: Ms. Ross

Unanimous in favor

Ink Factory & Committee Wearables

Ms. Bearse and Mrs. Bearse discussed their trip to the Ink Factory for the purpose of printing shirts.

Ms. Bearse suggested polo shirts. Mr. Richardson suggested fleece vests and/or jackets.



Mrs. Bearse will look into fleece vests and/or jackets further.
Ms. Bearse discussed custom embroidered patches for the Committee.

Chicken Barbecue

Ms. Bearse discussed the annual chicken barbecue and the need to research food licensing requirements. It has been determined the lack of a large grill is the main roadblock to resurrecting the annual barbecue. Mr. Richardson suggested looking into renting a grill or borrowing a grill from another organization. Ms. Bearse stated her research into oil tank grills showed the cost of \$1000 for a new tank or roughly \$500 or less for a used tank on second-hand sites.

New Events

Mrs. Bearse discussed the idea for the Wartime Supper event(s). It was proposed that this would be an indoor sitdown dinner, decorated with an appropriate patriotic theme, and serving food based on the rations of the wartime era. Mrs. Bearse said this could be a fundraiser and/or just an educational component of the Committee's mission. It was mutually agreed that veterans attending would not pay to attend the event.

Mr. Brown offered to bring MRE's. Ms. Bearse, Mrs. Bearse, and Mr. Richardson suggested various forms of dancing. Mrs. Bearse proposed showing a film during the meal.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Made: Ms. Roth
Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Patience Bearse