

24 MAR 2016

WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

March 10th, 2016 minutes

In lieu of regular protocol we were pleased to have Phil Ryan join us to talk about the Plymouth experience with their Moving Wall several years ago. The conversations went as follows with a running conversation...

There are actually 3 Moving Walls in use across the country

There is an initial up front cost of \$5000.00 with significant additional financial needs

Car washes, The Blue Knights, and several other fund raises gave them a total of \$32,000.00 over five months!! Actual ending cost was \$27,000.00...some of the costs included stone, dirt, and grass

It took 2 months to get confirmation from the Moving Wall organization

Assistance from the "Chamber" was very significant

Additional cost: hotel rooms for 3 people, food for everyone for the duration of the effort

There can be no advertising on or at the site by outsiders

Two or three people are recommended to be in charge of check writing

Tee shirts by the Veterans Council can and will be sold at the site

Pick up mementoes at the end of each day which are then forwarded to the DC location of the Vietnam Memorial

Staff should have special "Staff" tees

There are "TIPS FOR THE WALL" vessels at both ends, collected, counted, and watched daily

They sold \$11,000.00 worth of tee shirts

Carpenters and electricians (and electrical service) are needed for construction and lighting, etc.

Police and traffic control, the Sheriffs' Dept. helped also, 24 hour security

The names of 58,479 are read 24 hours a day

Sound can perhaps be provided by WCTV for ceremonies etc.

A couple of flag poles and colors are appropriately necessary

Need a raised platform to elevate the wall

Need many volunteers for every day as well as opening and closing ceremonies and perhaps a small parade

The ceremonies can include the VFW's, the American Legion, The Maritime Academy, etc.

Insurance needs to be appropriately purchased

Seating for 50 to 100 people

Ambulance on site

VA counseling

Tents and portapotties, flowers and decorations, etc.

VOC School, perhaps, can help with construction

This was a very informative visit and greatly expanded on the amount of organization necessary

RETURN TO MEETING FORMAT IN LOOSE FASHION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VFW having a yard sale on the 20th

ROTC recently placed 2nd academically in a competition at Lawrence High School

Steve Ruiz mentioned the upcoming DECA Home Show

Town candidate's night is coming up the last week in March

There will be no Vietnam Remembrance Day at the VFW this year

Matt Stanton stated that the students are having a great experience doing the veterans interviews

Bob White has continued to check all the medallions and flags for this Memorial Day Celebration...it should be noted here that Bob is most diligent with all of his duties done

Bob Lee motioned to ratify the Moving Wall request for August of 2017...JB seconded and voted all
yea

Motion made by John Ferranti to seek approval of the town to approach town council Bowen on issues that concern the council...2nd by Bob Lee voted positively by all

Flag Day was discussed to no end

Lastly was a necessary vote for a replacement of our Vice Chairman because of Pastor Colin Wrights' move. Skip Sarnelli and Julio Roderick offered their services and the vote taken was 7 for Skip and 3 for Julio. Thank you both for your hard work and congratulations to Skip

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Respectively submitted

Clerk Jim Bruce