

New River MOAA Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 5PM by President Steve Tucker. The following board members were present: Steve Tucker, Charles Knapp, Doug Ehrhardt, Cathy Ehrhardt, Barbara Sears, Jim Bumgardner, Don Goodhart, and Bob Worley (via Zoom). This constitutes a quorum.

Doug handed out a proposed calendar of events for 2022.

Barbara noted that the May 21 date for the music event will have to change to May 28 to allow us to get the Civic Center. Doug will update the calendar, post it on the web site and include it in the next e-newsletter..

Steve announced that we have received a \$2,000 grant from the local VFW Chapter. Doug noted that these funds are not restricted.

Charles said we can use some of the VFW funds for the roofing project for the vet/spouse of a vet as additional funds will be needed.

Steve has talked with Pam Gardner and she wants to assist Barbara with sourcing musical acts for the May 28 event.

Steve announced a speaker from national MOAA will be here on June 7th to speak on MOAA Legislative priorities. This event will be jointly sponsored with the Watagua MOAA Chapter. Now that we have a date and promised speaker the Watagua Chapter will select a venue for the event.

Doug noted that the state MOAA had suggested doubling the Chapter dues with a rebate for each new member. After discussion this proposal was voted down.

Steve announced we have 3 new members and Mic Mikulan is talking to a possible 4th new member.

Barbara handed out a proposed timeline for organizing the May 28 Musical Event.

- May 28th at the Civic Center (free since we are Chamber of Commerce Members except for a \$20 per hour charge for a sound technician with a 6 hour minimum).
- The event will be from 1 to 4 PM.
- Will need to determine covid policy close to event date.
- Contact High School JROTC for Colors and National Anthem by 3/14.
- Barbara will work with Graphic Artist friend to design an eye-catching poster by 3/30.
- Develop list of places to place posters (no sooner than 5/7 not later than 5/14)
- Contact Marine Corp League, VFW, Service Organizations, Churches, Chamber of Commerce, Newspapers in Ashe and Watagua no sooner than 5/1 not later than 5/7.
- Banners and signs up on 5/14.
- \$10 per head charge. Vets being honored and 2 family members complementary. No reserved seating.
- Darryl Vaughn will provide names for Vets being honored who will be recognized and presented a quilt. Piecemakers to provide quilts.
- Prepare short bio for each vet. Reminder call close to 5/28 (Barbara)
- Assign presenters from the New River Chapter and invite Fisher House Reps.
- Secure musicians by 4/4 for publicity purposes. Possibles are Joshua White, JAM, JAM faculty, Jeff Little, Wayne Henderson, Lee (Doug's friend), Sheets Family Band, Scott Pope, Jeff Lewis, and Charles has someone to talk to.
- Each group to do a 15 to 20 minute set.
- Need to decorate the exterior, stage, Lobby, and backstage (Green Room).

- Need to order food for Green Room (Smokey Mountain BBQ) by 5/14 and pick up on 5/28.
- May 28 tasks pick up food, decorate Civic Center, have quilts arranged backstage, and clean up after event.

Bob announced we have \$10, 276 in the Sears Scholarship Fund and \$9,932.14 in the General Fund.

Cathy announced we are not anticipating a scholarship applicant from Wilkes County so Ashe will have the only applicant for the \$1,000 scholarship. Recipient must be attending college.

Doug noted he has applied for the annual USAA Grant Program. Possible to receive up to \$5,000. Last year we received \$2,500.

Charles noted that he has been unable to source a roofer for the two vet projects we have approved. Also noted that we will have to provide additional funds, He is still looking for possible roofers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.