

Flag committee meeting - April 16, 2014

- 5:30pm Meeting called to order. Introductions made. Minutes from 2013 meeting read & accepted. Additions to agenda - parades & taking the trailers through, also 6th street extension to Fred Meyer.
- 5:36pm Treasurer's report: Approx \$1000 ahead of last year, \$10 increase in pricing is starting to pay off as we are not declining in balance anymore. The campaign for new poles is working also - raised \$2,000 so far, spent \$2,000 all on poles so we got 200 new poles! There were about 45 new flags ordered last year.
- 5:38pm Work party discussion. Adding new holes to 6th St down to Fred Meyer since it can be seen really well from the Highway. Everyone present was in agreement. For display days we need to take 5th St flags (every other hole) for this new portion of the display. There are currently about 100 more holes than flags; about 1310 flags & 30 (old display) flags = 1340 total flags approximately. Question asked: how long does it take to get a flag in once the order has been placed? Answer: no for sure timeline, depends on how many other flag orders have been placed (both by the committee & other organizations or public)...typically anywhere from 1-3 months but it can definitely vary. Work party scheduled for Saturday May 3rd at 8am. meeting at Les Schwab. Minimum of 1 dozen people needed. (Contact of Marine Corps ROTC, Mike Tremmel. 541-516-4180, offered volunteers anytime, just call)
- 5:48pm Construction downtown still making things difficult on displays & keeping trailers organized. Things will be tricky for a while but Randy is working on new maps for trailers. Displays work best with 1 driver & at least 3 people putting out flags. Possibly try a navigator to follow maps for trailers to help keep things organized.
- 5:52 Display day sign-ups: Fair day parade possibly going away. Will it be or will it not...we should know in the coming days/weeks. Jeff Casserly (Rotary) will let us know. If it goes away then CEC & Baptist Church to decide among themselves which day they would like to add a display to. Possibly a community event day, Day of Culture suggested. If fair parade stays then so will they
- 6:02pm \$10 increase to flag pricing has worked! But the Chamber has 2 different order forms on their website-Randy will contact them to make the change. Our 7 trailers working out well still...for now! For every 200 new flags we need to add a new trailer so we need to be aware we are approaching that increase. Once we get over 1400 flags we will need a new one. New trailers are about \$3,000.
- 6:08pm Cleaning 10-20 flags per display has been working out well. Ford Cleaners is AWESOME, still doing our cleaning whenever we need it-THANK YOU! Dennis brought up flags that are very old, need to start replacing some. Suggest having original purchaser reordering a new flag-but we do not have a record of purchasers. Something to think about! Also, adding a rack in each trailer for damaged flags to be put up & kept separate. Suggestion of people needing community service hours to complete this
- 6:14pm Flag City, USA signs under population signs at all 4 entrances are going up thanks to committee efforts! City of Redmond is building a rock wall monument @ S. end of town using our flags & larger flags as a permanent display to commemorate Flag City USA thanks to committee member efforts! Happening this year. Very exciting!
- 6:25pm Question: how many parades do we want to take the trailers through & how many trailers? Answer: try to do all parades, except starlight parade. They are the best way for getting out order forms, which we still have about 800 left. Starlight parade is too dark, may be a waste of efforts & flyers. Try to do at least 1 trailer, 3 better, all if we have volunteer drivers.
- 6:29pm Prineville is expanding their display again because of us. Great!!
- 6:30pm Meeting adjourned.