

FLAG COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 15, 2015

- 5:30pm Meeting called to order. Introductions made. Additions to agenda: Fair flags need longer poles, VFW in need of switching display day, Flag City, USA flag contest & possible contributions.
- 5:34pm Minutes from 2014 meeting read. No additions needed.
- 5:39pm No treasurer's report/treasurer not present for meeting.
- 5:40pm Work party discussion. Last year there was not enough people to help & not all holes got cleaned &/or marked. We are in need of (at least) 1 more blower for this year (like what CEC made). CEC rep Kari says they can make 1 more for us! THANK YOU! Randy will make a map system for this year to hopefully help make it quicker/easier but we need more volunteers. Please spread the word.

WORK PARTY DATE: Saturday May 16, 2015 @ 8am meet at Les Schwab.

Starting 2016 the work party date will always be the first Saturday of May from here on out.
All present in agreement.

- 5:47pm Display day discussion. No fair parade this year for sure. VFW cannot do memorial day-they have multiple activities to manage. For this year only-the Chamber & the Baptist Church will put a call out for help to cover. We need to get something solidified for following years. This year's contact to be Eric @ the Redmond Chamber. JROTC & Chamber reminded that we can always put a call out for volunteer help if you contact them in advance.
- 5:56pm New Business. We are getting closer & closer to needing our 8th trailer. We most likely will not need it this year but if we do contact Eric who has a sponsor that would like to help. We got approx. 60 new flags this year & still have about 100 more holes than flags so we're doing good there (exact numbers not known due to no treasurer's report). Another THANK YOU really needed to Ford Cleaners who still does any & all cleaning we ask, no matter how often & without recognition. Suggestion made to at least get them a decal for the trailers for advertisement & thank you. Motion made, all present were in agreement.
- 6:01pm Monument discussion. Revision photos passed around. Possible start date was July of this year with a completion date of August of this year. Location is in front of the Grange Hall near Fred Meyer running along the Highway. There will be a number of flags and also room for a Flag City, USA flag. On that note we need a Flag City, USA flag! Redmond Rotary is sponsoring a contest for the best flag design. Prize money is \$1000. They are putting up all of it but welcome any contributions from private or other non-profit type organizations. Contest details are at flagcityusa.org. Only requirement is must be a Central Oregon resident. Once we have a design/logo CEC may be able to outfit the trailers with safety vests containing our new logo. Rotary is asking for website & social media help to spread the word about the contest so we have as many options as possible. Sasha to look into a facebook page for Flag City, USA. Eric to look into website help or contact.
- 6:12pm Faded flags discussion. We have approximately 100 flags that are faded & we need to figure out how to handle them. Net cost to replace a flag is approximately \$25. A legacy program was suggested as well as an addition to the website that shows names of flags in need of retirement. We possibly need a flag historian to somehow create a system of record for which flags are flying, which are in need of retirement or repairs, and which flags have been retired. Possible leadership Redmond program? Discussed possible grants for our type of program that may be able to assist in replacing flags needing retired. Legacy Program sub-committee formed to further evolve these ideas: Randy, Eric, Sasha, Kari, Gary.
- 6:29pm Fair flags have not been flying due to the pole being too short causing a hazard for pedestrians. They requested longer poles. Need possibly 14'-16' (or longer) & stronger poles to support the height. 23 poles in total needed. Suggestion that the fair committee provides the poles and we can provide the flags...? Randy to have discussion with them about this option. We would love to see them back out there again!
- 6:33pm Last additions: Jeff mentioned medallions for the monument for the committees involved with Flag City, USA. We need to know size regulations so they are all the same size. We are waiting on the city to give the standards. There are also no Flag City, USA signs yet under the populations signs for Redmond. We will keep watching for these. Hopefully soon!
- 6:35pm Meeting adjourned.