



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, February 28, 2019
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Andy Caputi, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy.

Board Members Absent

None. This was an Executive Committee meeting so other members were not required to attend, but several did.

Guest(s) Present

Councilwoman Ann Hill; Ashley Lukasiewicz (Wingman Foundation); Pastor Dr. Tim Zacharias and Nick Ryan (Campus Church); and Warren Palmer (Volunteer Coordinator).

(Motions and actions taken are listed in red)

Call to Order and Welcome: President Entrekin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked those present to observe a moment of silence for those we serve and recognize in the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence. President Entrekin recognized the guests and asked if any had statement or presentations.

Dr. Zacharias, Assistant Pastor of Campus Church at Pensacola Christian College, addressed the Foundation regarding plans to film at the Park while producing a video of local landmarks designed to help connect the church to the community. He agreed to allow the Foundation to preview the finished viewed, and provided B roll cuts for the Foundation's use, before final publication.

Ashley Lukasiewicz, Director of Physical Monuments for the Wingman Foundation, presented the Foundation with two significant donations from that organization; \$25,000.00 for the 2019 Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Toward ceremony and \$7,500 for the Gold Star Memorial Monument.

Councilwoman Ann Hill informed the Board that Aspen Dental is sponsoring their Mobile Mouth event for Veterans at Community Maritime Park from 9:00am until 3:00pm on March 12th.

Secretary's Report: Jim Murphy was not present at the last meeting during which minutes from the January 24th meeting were presented and approved. Mr. Murphy mentioned that responses to his recent email requesting verification of Board members' addresses is still needed for the annual State registration.

Treasure's Report: Pete Frano reported on the following:

- The current total balance is \$49,501.09.
- The Foundation received a response to Vice President Caputi's recent letter to Ducker and Associates severing our contract with them for accounting services and requesting a refund of pre-paid 2019 expenses. The letter from Ducker was received along with a refund check in the amount of \$2,400.00.

President's Report: President Entrekin reported on the following:

- Relayed kudos to Vice President Andy Caputi for his letter to Ducker and Associates. He then requested reports from those committee chairs in attendance.
- No new City representative has been named to replace Vernon Stewart.
- Jim Durr recently submitted his resignation in order to spend more time with family. The Foundation will present him with a Park photograph at a later date.

Committee Reports

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- The lights for the Wall South are being shipped on March 14 and will be installed upon arrival. All light installation for the Wall is expected to be completed by April 1.
- The Cobra painting project is scheduled for March 9 and March 10. The rain date is one week later. Two manlifts and two port-o-johns are needed for the volunteers completing this project.



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Walk of Honor: Butch Hansen reported on the following:

- There have been 273 total brick orders, and over \$42,000 revenue, to date.
- A couple of new issues with spelling mistakes on installed bricks have been identified and will be corrected.
- There are currently 6 large bricks and about 15 small bricks ready for installation. The next installations are tentatively scheduled for the end of March and before Memorial Day.

Vice President: Andy Caputi reported on the following:

- He commented on the excellent condition of the Park and thanked those who were involved in recent projects.

Technology: Dave Glassman reported on the following:

- The new search function for Walk of Honor bricks is no functional on the Park website.
- The event at the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower is scheduled for 7:00pm on May 17. The event is tentatively scheduled to include a static display and a flyover. A guest speaker is still needed and is being coordinated, along with the cost of a Marine Corps Band, by Honor Our Marines.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt reported on the following:

- Volunteer options exists with two Marine units onboard Naval Air Station Pensacola – enlisted students and officer students – for the upcoming Park clean-up. Some volunteers particularly enlisted students, may need transportation that the Foundation cannot provide.

Events Coordinator: This position is now vacant.

Merchandise: Nancy Bullock-Prevot had nothing to report.

Marketing: Jill Hubbs reported on the following:

- She provided a check for \$500.00 for advertisements to run on the City billboard, on Airport Blvd. near Interstate 110, through the end of March.
- Presented sample tent cards that Cordova Mall management has agreed to place on tables in the food court at no cost. The recommendation was made to use the same tend cards during the upcoming Junior League event. The idea to approach local restaurants and request placement was also raised.
- The NAS commissary has agreed to place 5,000 flyers in shoppers' grocery bags.

Fundraising: Stan Barnard reported on the following:

- Another \$2,000.00 has been raised toward the Gulf War Memorial and \$500.00 was received from Bob Lockwood toward World War II Memorial repairs.
- Earlier today, he witnessed an Escambia County deputy who earlier in the day Parked his patrol vehicle at the Park, approached the American flag, then returned to his vehicle and left the Park, presumably to being or continue his patrol shift.

Business from the floor:

- Jim Murphy reported that American Legion Post 240 and the NAS Petty Officers intended to use one, maybe two of their car shows this year to support the Park.
- Butch Hansen stated that he recently spoke with County Commissioner Bender who intends to use some of his discretionary funds to support the Park. Pete McKanna will send Butch two items that could benefit from this financial support.
- Stacy Pruitt asked about ongoing plans for restrooms at the Park. Butch Hansen mentioned that he is in contact with a group that is interested in raising money for this project. More information will be provided as available.



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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:21p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:

James M. Murphy