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Officers Meeting via Conference Call

November 20th 2015

We had an Officers meeting held via a conference call on Friday November 20th, 2015 at 5:00pm. There were 6 members participating in the call which included – Norville Pervier, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson, John Thomas, Bob Larson and Bob Schule.

This meeting was a quick meeting to review and address any questions and/or concerns regarding the upcoming wreath ceremony and section leaders briefing.

John Thomas had prepared a sheet of confirmed section leaders complete with contact information. He emailed it to the officers so any questions could be answered. We talked about who would be section leaders and who would be helpers. He also had prepared a list of Wreath Presenters which he had also email to us and we reviewed and discussed any possible changes or corrections to the lists. We still are in need of someone to sing the National Anthem but several names were mentioned as possibilities.

We discussed who would be at the Information Table, who would need radios and how many radios would be needed. John had already replaced batteries and would have all the radios charged by the morning of the ceremony.

We reviewed the supplies needed – cookies, cups, napkins, apple cider and coffee. Cookies would be ordered by John from Apperts in St Cloud. Carrie would pick them up on December 9th and also pick up cups and napkins.

John and Bob Larson have been in contact with Mickman's about the wreath order and is on track to provide the wreaths we had ordered. We can order additional wreaths up to a 1 week before the ceremony. As of today there are 3300 wreaths ordered.

Verizon Wireless in St. Cloud MN has offered to lend us a remote WiFi hotspot to use so we can get access to the internet the day of the ceremony. Thanks to Verizon!

John updated us on several radio interviews he has had and will be having leading up to the wreath ceremony.

The American Legion will help with the parking this year. Jim Parent is our contact person regarding the parking this year and Jeremiah who works at the cemetery will be in charge of the parking this year.

The Section Leaders Briefing will be held on Saturday December 5th 2015 at the Canteen. All section leaders are encouraged to attend as many important things will be addressed. Someone from each section should for sure be there. Briefing will be at 11:00 am.

We did not review minutes from the last meeting.

We did not do a Treasurer's report since Ron Robbins had submitted his most current reports via email prior to the November 4th Officers Meeting.

John Thomas is planning on a meeting with Eric Sogge – the new administrator at the Cemetery, and also hoping to get more information on the Preston Cemetery. Burials were to start in November but several issues remain and they will not be having a wreath ceremony this year. John will continue to keep in touch on their progress.

Meeting was adjourned – we wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing everyone at the Section Leaders Briefing on December 5th.

Conference call ended at 5:34 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Carrie Johnson, Secretary

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Minutes accepted by: _____

John Thomas, President - WFTF.org

Please call John Thomas at 218-829-6622 if you have any questions or concerns about the meeting or any other questions you may have regarding WreathsForTheFallen.org.