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17 April 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes of VBMA Regularly Scheduled Meeting Held on 17 April 2012

Present ,Jack Giesen, Jan Wojciechowski Bruce Mulkey, Janine Davis, Bill Hauser, Dan Tarbell, Tim Shotwell, VBMA members. Keri Conway, volunteer was also present.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Jeff Davis. This meeting was held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at the 40 et 8, on 78th Street, Vancouver, WA.
2. The minutes from prior meeting had been emailed to all members by Jeff Davis. Reading of minutes was dispensed with by vote.
3. Treasurer's Report was given by Jack Giesen. He emailed the report earlier, and so summarized its details. He cited the VBMA bank account had \$1666.08 , after the last bills were paid. Paypal account is working and we had \$4.59 donated. The original donation was \$5.00, but the other amount was taken as a fee.
4. Web report There were 1 March to 31 March. 112 unique visitors, 191 total visits, 471 pages looked at. Website contract ends in 31 May 2012. Jeff and Bill Hauser will start more on the new website soon. Bill Hauser commented that new photos and verbiage about the closure of the museum was included. Keri offered to locate other volunteers to help with any revamp of the website.
5. Building Committee Report. Members of committee include Jeff, Jack, Lyle and Dan Tarbell. Jack Giesen announced that the church voted to give the VBMA the Hathaway Chapel. A letter of intent was not quite finished. Jack projected that the letter could be signed as soon as 7 days after the meeting. Tim Shotwell volunteered to find a pro bono lawyer to examine the proposed Letter of Intent. Jeff mentioned that he had scheduled a meeting with an official of Clark College to see if the College administration would be interested in any kind of partnership or other help.
6. Old business discussed:
 - a. Closure of the Veterans Museum. The VBMA removed all of its artifacts on 24 March 2012, and the artifacts put in a more secure storage.
 - b. Military History Talks. Jeff Davis stated that first talk took place at the Main Branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library on Thursday the 12th of April. He gave the talk, Masonic Ties at the Vancouver Barracks. There were nearly 40 people attend. The next scheduled talk will on 10 May 2012, Bruce Mulkey said he might give the talk, on the Columbia River Battle of the Cascades in 1856. Jeff stated that he spoke with Emily Stoutsenberger of the Clark County Women Veteran's Project, and the County Veteran's Center might host the talks in the future.

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c. Veteran's Oral History Project. Jeff and Keri Conway met earlier in the day and discussed beginning interviews in May of 2012. They would announce the project at the next CMAC meeting. Bruce wanted to tag along and support the project.

d. Memorial Day, The VBMA would still offer to provide displays to Bldg 638. Dan Tarbell suggested contacting the Historic Trust direct. The 88th RRC also asked Jeff Davis and VBMA to provide some kind of audio visual presentation for the Barracks changeover ceremony. This is tentative. Lyle Wold suggested the 88th use the Timberwolf tour presentation.

e. Jack Giesen unveiled the new brochure for review. All assembled like the brochure, but agreed it needed work and could not be released until the Letter of Intent was signed.

7. New business discussed:

a. The Post Exchange Revitalization Project (Armed Forces Day 19 May 2012) was discussed. The Post Exchange Manager, Mychella Daily asked the VBMA to provide historic information, displays and vehicles for Armed Forces Day, in mid-May to let the public know the Post Exchange was still operating. Jeff also stated that he, Lyle Wold, and Dan Tarbell had introduced Mychella to the CMAC at the last CMAC meeting, as well as Emily Stoutsenberger and Tom Vogt at the Columbian. Bruce recommended that the Dancing with the Stars announce the Post Exchange operation at their event.

8. No further new business being discussed, Jeff Davis read the minutes and they were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Signed:

Jefferson Davis

Acting Secretary

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