

NOTES FROM THE BELLAVITA VETERAN'S MEETING

March 16, 2011

Commander Steifvater opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report – Reading of the Secretary's report for the February meeting was suspended until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - John Devereux reported receivables of \$486 for Flags and 3 hats. Disbursements included \$1,477.06 for Memorial Trees to Benny Rains. A debit of \$442.00 for the Bronze Castings to Dutch Uran, which should come due in April. The Cash Balance comes to \$3,371.34. The Money Market Fund is \$5,117.77 for a Total Balance of \$8,489.11. Gene Riddell mentioned that Brandon is doing the drip lines and will bill us for his work.

Memorial Trees – Benny is providing 16 trees. Originally we had 29 trees, and 3 died. This leaves us with 42 trees with 8 more to go to completion (estimated to cost \$1,600).

Bronze Cast for the Memorial Marker – Currently it is production at the foundry and due out in April.

Bereavement Card – The card has been designed. The desk will send to recipient.

Telecards for the Troops – Gene questioned whether our Mission Statement will need change to allow for this expenditure. Devereux and Pete Steik will do a study on that.

New Business –

Veteran's Benefits Packet – Henry gave Arlen a brochure. The VA will sponsor an event in the Pasadena Convention Center in April where representatives of the VA will answer Veteran's questions.

Flag Burning – We have 250-300 flags that need to be officially burned. The Boy Scouts will do it under our supervision. The Fire Department will be asked to stand by for safety. A fire pit needs to be constructed. Tom Green may know how these flags are to be burned officially.

Work Day – Before the next flag s up day, a work day will be called to replace worn flags.

Renewals – David Southard has a list of dropouts from last year to call and confirm (or pay this year's fees). Last year we called about 90 people and many renewed.

Flag volunteers for this month are Cesar and Gene.

The monthly name drawing for a Bella Vita Veteran attending this meeting was J R Drury. Since he is reported to be in a nursing home, a second name was picked –

Michael Horbit. He was not present to win the \$45.00. A vote will be held to keep the prize at \$45 or to start over at the beginning award.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

D. Mulcahy acting recorder.