

Lebanon Area Veterans Memorial Board
Meeting Minutes
May 2nd, 2024
10:00am City Hall Conference Room

In Attendance:

Veterans Memorial Members: Donna Mason, Marvin Basnett, Simon Westerfield, Kathleen Haefner Steve Hull, and Andy Barnett Guests: Sue Buttschau and Marge Wild of the Sun Bonnett Club, Lebanon Area Foundation President Melinda Fries, Brennon Willard from Friend of the Fort, Parks Director John Shelton, and Assistant Parks Director Elliot Wilburn

Donna Mason called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Andy Barnett to approve the December 7th, 2023, minutes. Marvin Basnett seconded the motion. All approved.

Sun Bonnett Club:

Sue Buttschau and Marge Wild spoke about wanting to know an installation date for the Gold Star Memorial. They stated that they have been waiting for a while and that there are a total of 9 in the state and this would make it the 10th one. John Shelton said the main holdup is who can do the concrete work for the memorial, it is beyond the expertise of his staff to pour the concrete on a slope and make the star shape like at Boswell Park. It was agreed that they would seek bids for the project.

Veteran's Memorial Bricks:

Melinda Fries stated that bricks have become more expensive for the Board to purchase, and they were originally intended to be a fundraiser for the memorial but currently they are only bringing in a few dollars per brick sale. The Board discussed different pricing options to keep the bricks affordable but also to where they could still be used as a fundraiser.

A motion was made by Marvin Basnett to change the price of the bricks to \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Andy Barnett. All approved.

Friends of the Fort:


Brennon Willard spoke about the great things that Friends of the Fort does such as Rock the Block and the Honor Flight. He wants the Board and Friends of the Fort to work together more often to make events better for the entire community. He thinks that the last Veteran's Day ceremony that the Board and school partnered on was the best one yet and that it would benefit to work together in the future. He would like to do a Vietnam pinning ceremony after the Veteran's Day ceremony this year. It won't be a big enough event to stand on its own but could take place right after the Veteran's Day ceremony

Comments from the Board:

There were no comments from the Board.

A motion was made by Marvin Basnett to adjourn. Simon Westerfield seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Mason
President of the Board