

Veterans Events
Police Conference Room
221 E Third St, Royal Oak MI 48067

Monday, June 4, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:06 pm

Attendance: Dave London, Cynthia Garrett, Timothy Teer, Judy Davids, Wanda Warsinki, Ilene Harmon, Kevin Pierson, Rich Millard

Absent: Rob Winter

2. Public Comment –

Nick Artez

John Wendland – RO4AR – Carol sent an email – Banners against Department of Defense – need written consent from the Department of Defense

Discussed next year being the 100th anniversary of the Memorial Day Parade

No marker for the first person that died in WWI Royal Oak – Augustus Bernoski

John Wendland has the history for all of the parades

3. Motion to accept the minutes at the next meeting – there was issues opening the pdf and printed minutes were not brought.

4. Reports

a. ExOfficio – everything went well – no protestors

b. Committee Chairperson – see written report

5. Unfinished Business

a. Notes from the parade: Mother Earth – not polite and Moms Demand Action was embarrassed of the chanting of some of their younger people.

b. Thanks to Tim Teer

c. Seamless docs – auto respond or a page that says even more information

d. Tighter review of the process of application – quality vs. quantity

e. Mail out certificates with future information for the Ruck March

6. New Business

a. Future parade ideas: 50 participants – perfect weather; Proclamation for the older World War II driver; Any idea – add to google doc; T-shirt design – raise money for Custom Ink; 188 names – learn something about each person; Grand Marshals that have been previously; Speaker – ideas

b. Future meetings: August 6th, September 10th, October 1st, October 15th,
October 29th at 7:00 pm

7. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Cynthia, second by Wanda. Motion passed.

Memorial Day Parade Committee Chairman's Report

David C. London

June 4, 2019

- Conveying the appreciation of the City Commission and Mayor about how well the parade and ceremony went and their appreciation for our work
- Emailed Carol of the Memorial Society about the RO4AR and how they ended up with a political action group in the parade when they signed up as a memorial organization. READ: email response.
- Emailed Mother Earth about their CBD billboard and they took great offense and being told that their sign offended people and then sent Wikipedia entries to me for the word "float". READ: email response
- Emailed Moms Demand Action about the chanting and they were terribly embarrassed that it had happened promised to never allow it again. READ: email response.
- Called Signs By Tomorrow about why our WW2 magnets weren't completed for the parade. Awaiting call back.
- I would like to commend the Veterans Events Committee for a flawless execution of the parade and for professionally handling any issues that arose on the 27th. I am proud of the work that you all did and the events we delivered to the people of Royal Oak.
- I would like to personally extend a gracious thank you to Tim Teer for all his years of service to the parade committee and his dedication to the city, the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day, and our local veterans.