

USSVI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
PRE-ABM MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

The meeting opened at 0800.

NC Pat Householder asked for a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates. He led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CRD Carl Schmidt gave the Invocation.

NC Pat gave an update on Shipmate John Crouse who is in the hospital after having a heart attack. Pat is in contact with John's sister who is on her way to Fort Mitchell. Pat will continue to report on John's condition.

CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

Scholarship Program

Scholarship Chairman Paul Orstad discussed the Scholarship Program.

We will award thirty-three (33) scholarships totaling \$33,761

Paul placed the name of Zachary Ozama before the board for consideration. Zachary submitted his scholarship package in time but it became lost in the USPS. PNC John Peters, who lives in Hawaii, researched the loss of the package. Paul then polled his committee regarding awarding a scholarship to Zachary and they concurred.

CF Funds

NC Pat provided a report on the status of the CF and the CF funds.

CF Meeting Minutes

NS Al Singleman discussed the minutes of the last CF meeting

Brotherhood

PNC John Peters discussed the Brotherhood Fund. He said that it had been a "quiet year" and there had not been too many requests.

Memorials

Chairman Ray Wewers discussed the various memorials.

The CF provided \$2000 in matching funds to the Mobile Bay memorial restoration fund.

The CF provided \$2730 in matching funds to the Cavalla foundation for its periscope project.

The CF provided \$491 in matching funds to Snook Base for a Submarine Memorial they are building at the local VA Medical Center.

PNC John Peters proposed a motion to accept Ray's report. The motion received a second. After discussion, the motion passed.

Library Fund

The current Library Chairman has resigned. We will look for a new Chairman. Our library collection is well-looked after by Greg Stitz in Little Rock.

Groton Scholarship

John Carcioppolo discussed Scholarships at Groton Base. He stated that this was their best year ever. They raised much of their funds through their annual Golf Tournament. They awarded four (4) scholarships of \$3000.00 and one (1) scholarship of \$1500.00.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Kapps4Kidds

Mike Bircumshaw discussed the Kapps4Kidds program. Over eighty Bases are participating in the program. We have distributed over eight thousand caps to children in numerous hospitals, etc.

Further discussion of the program followed.

Charitable Foundation PPM

NS Al Singleman discussed his work on the document. He described it as a “work in progress.” He will continue working on the document.

CF Treasurer

NC Pat announced that John Andersen would not be continuing as CF Treasurer.

Currently there are one or two potential candidates for take over his position.

General discussion of raising funds for the CF followed.

Scholarship

Paul Orstad discussed the scholarship package for this year. General discussion of the Scholarship Program followed.

John Crouse

George Boyle discussed the situation. John’s sister is en route to Fort Mitchell. She may need assistance with living expenses while she is in the area. In addition, John’s personal effects and those of the museum and his truck will have to be moved back to St. Mary’s, GA.

John Markiewicz said that he and several others could transport John’s effects back to Georgia.

There was discussion of assisting John’s sister with living expenses. John Peters proposed a motion to set up a collection box to aid John’s sister. The motion received a second. After discussion, the motion passed.

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Paul thanked George Boyle and Carl Schmidt for their work on the Scholarship Committee while they were Regional Directors. Carl Schmidt thanked Paul for the opportunity to have served.

Mike Bircumshaw discussed the "Submarine Race" fundraiser.

Mike Bircumshaw discussed the Submarine Memorial in San Diego. He also discussed funding for the maintenance of the memorial and the CF's efforts regarding collection and disbursement of the funds.

There being no further business, the meeting ADJOURNED at 0930.