

**New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society**  
**July 28, 2011**  
**City of New Berlin Public Library**

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the New Berlin Veterans Memorial Society at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Present:** Don Reynolds, Alderman John Hopkins, Dave Gilligan, Rush Wilkens, Lee Sisson, Mayor Jack Chiovatero, Bill Ray, Treasurer Bernie Hintzke, Mary Jane Whitty, and Secretary John Vogel

**Excused:** Don Hermann, and President Ted Wysocki

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Lee Sisson at 7:00

This was the first annual meeting of the NBVM Society. There were approximately 29 society members present (20 of which were the current Board of Directors and their Spouses).

**Lee Sisson** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then gave a presentation on a short history of the origin of the Veteran's Memorial. Lee then introduced the current Board of Directors.

**Bernie Hintzke** gave a financial report from July 2010 to June 2011.

Income: Direct Public Support	8,381.81
Investments	33.38
Membership Dues	2,420.00
Total Income/gross profit	10,835.19
Expenses: Administrative expenses	2,730.99
Program & support expenses	375.00
Site expenses	1,984.67
Total Expenses	5,090.66
Net profit	5,744.53

**Lee Sisson** then gave a membership report. He talked about why we incorporated as a society. We currently have 135 dues paying members (includes both individual and family membership.) We have over 600+ individuals who contributed to the memorial. Lee then talked about the benefits, program support, revenue enhancement, and future leadership.

**Bill Ray** presented a "Brick" report. In total, we have sold over 442 bricks. During the past year, we sold 68 bricks.

**Dave Gilligan** presented a marketing report. He first presented a video that he had created with pictures of all stages of the construction, dedication, family days, and the brick laying ceremony. It was an emotional presentation and was well received by the entire audience. He introduced Rush Wilkens who gave us an update of the new successful brick event/ceremony. Over 150 attended the last brick installation ceremony. Dave then introduced Mary Jane Whitty who talked about her involvement with the committee. Mary Jane is the representative for the schools in New Berlin. With her guidance, the New Berlin High Schools and particularly New Berlin Eisenhower Middle School raised over \$10,000 for the memorial. Dave then opened a discussion on direction and programs.

**John Hopkins** talked about the election process. Because we are now a society, we have a Board of Directors that are elected by the membership at the annual meeting. There are currently 12 board of directors. The term is for 3 years with 4 directors elected each year. Because this is our first annual meeting, we will stagger the terms into 3year, 2year, and 1year terms. Those elected to a 1 year term will be eligible for a 3 year term next year. The nominating committee consisted of John Hopkins, Mary Jane Whitty, and John Vogel. John Hopkins presented the following nominations:

3 year term 2011-2014 – Ted Wysocki, Lee Sisson, Rush Wilkens, and Bill Ray

2 year term 2011-2013 – Mary Jane Whitty, Dave Gilligan, Don Reynolds, and Don Herrmann

1 year term 2011-2012– John Vogel, Jack Chiovero, Bernie Hintzke, and John Hopkins.

He then asked 3 times if there were any nominations from the floor. **Without hearing any, Diane Vogel made a motion that the nominations be closed. It was seconded by Mary Lou Hopkins. John Hopkins called for the motion and it passed unanimously. A motion was then made by a society member present to elect the members nominated on the board by the election committee. It was seconded by Diane Vogel and passed unanimously.**

Closing remarks were then made by Lee Sisson. A motion was made and seconded by 2 members present to adjourn. The motion past unanimously to adjourn at 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted by

John Vogel