

## ADBCMS Board Meeting 2-01-2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm Central Time.

Present were: Jan Thompson, Judy Pruitt, Caroline Burkhart, Kristen Meilicke, Jim Nelson, Jim Erickson, Andrea Krempa.

### Approval of the Minutes

Members asked to add "heir" to the minutes from the 12-11-14 board meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

### In Memoriam Donations

The ADBCMS received \$5855 in donations in Joe Vater Senior's honor. We would like to get permission from Joe Vater Jr. to put the names of the donors in the Quan and find out how Joe Jr. would like the money to be spent. We need to do the same with Jim Collier's family. Donations can be earmarked.

### Board Elections

The deadline for mailing and emailing ballots is a month before the convention, near the end of April. Only paid members can vote. Jim Nelson, Caroline, and Jan are up for reelection. Caroline is not returning, and Jim might not return. Kristen is moving so she will also be leaving.

### Grants

The last Quan did not contain information about grants, so we won't be able to provide grants yet. Jan has made contact with teachers who are getting kids to write about Ben Steele. We will put it off soliciting grant applications further.

### White Sands Memorial March

John Essisido has been trying to contact the general on our behalf. Jan hasn't heard back from anyone, but she is still trying to get her film shown. We need to order more T-shirts to sell. Kristen will contact Linda McDavitt (and Judy) to order more T-shirts. Kristen will do an inventory. Caroline is working on our ad.

### The Quan

Jane says she has handed the Quan to the new hire at the museum. Jan has found someone to do the layout. Jim has someone to do the printing and the mailing. We just need someone to send out the e-copy. Jan would like the next Quan to go out in April, in 4-6 weeks, and for us to publish it. Judy has the list of people who have paid their dues. We need to make sure we have the full list of recipients, including people who don't pay dues. Jan has notified the president of the museum board that the ADBCMS will be taking over the newsletter. We need to add back in a statement that The Quan is the official newsletter of the ADBCMS. We need a conference call to talk to the new museum director and including Jan and Caroline, and Jim Brockman. We need to collect material for the next Quan now. Caroline is willing to proofread. Jan would like material about the convention, stories of POWs, and historical information. Jim Nelson wrote a

long article on the Bataan Death March, which was revisited for Kiniwe's web site. He could split it up for several issues. Jan has a descendant writing about her dad in Mukden, and a descendent is writing about his brother going back to Japan. Museum will have some more material as well.

#### Convention 2016

Board members voted on the location of the 2016 convention. The majority of board members preferred the El Tropicana because it is not a chain hotel, it is on the Riverwalk, and they have a restaurant in the hotel. A cab ride from the airport to downtown costs around \$20. The rooms at El Tropicana are \$109 a night and it has a lower minimum cost on food (\$3500). Jim E moved and Kristen seconded that we choose the El Tropicana. The motion passed.

#### Convention 2015 Banquet Speaker

Jan and Andrea have not heard anything back from Tom Brokaw yet. The board decided to give it one more week. The ADBCMS will need to pay for his first class airfare to New Orleans. If Brokaw is unavailable, Caroline will then contact our second choice, Anthony Taguba, whose father was in the Philippine Scouts. Judy will contact the WWII Museum for suggestions for a third choice. The cost of the museum will be as follows: Seniors \$17, adults \$21, POWs free.

#### Convention 2015 Schedule

Jim needs to confirm that Theresa Long is coming to the convention to give a presentation and the board needs to find another presenter. We still need to determine all the fees involved, including museum entrance, possible bus to the museum.

The board decided that on Friday, attendees would be free to visit the WWII Museum, with a shuttle to taking people to the museum, giving priority to the disabled. The shuttle would then go back to the hotel, then take folks back from French Quarter at 4 or 4:30. Other than POWs and widows and wives, people pay \$5 or so for shuttle. A cab ride would cost \$25.

On Saturday, we will have the Memorial Service at 10 am, the Widows Lunch from 11:30 am-1:00 pm, and the General Meeting from 2:00-3:30 pm.

Put the General Meeting after the memorial service, move memorial service to 9:30. Get an authentic jazz band for the Quan party.

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We need to get it all the information we can into the Quan, and we need to see when Theresa can give her information.

Andrea let us know that John Besch has offered to host the POW lunch on Thursday. POWs and their wives or caregivers will be paid for. We are waiting to hear back on the cost of others. We will need to limit the number of people to 30. Andrea has also made a connection to a veteran services officer who has offered to be our liason in New Orleans. He has offered to provide people to greet veterans as they come off the plane, and maybe give them a ride to the hotel. They may also be available to give rides to the POW luncheon.

#### Special Awards

The board discussed handing out two awards to members who have contributed significantly to the organization at the convention in New Orleans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm Central Time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Meilicke  
ADBCMS Secretary