

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DESCENDANTS GROUP, AN AUXILIARY  
OF THE AMERICAN DEFENDERS OF BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR HELD ON  
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

Board Members Present: Judy Pruitt; Linda McDavitt; Jim Erickson; Carolyn Burkhart; Carrie Collier; Kristin Dahlstrom; Joseph A. Vater, Jr.

Mr. Vater called the meeting to order.

**I. Approval of September's Minutes**

Mr. Vater noted that he had forwarded to the Board the draft of the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting. After the revisions were agreed upon, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 minutes as corrected. Mr. Vater indicated that he would forward revised minutes to Mr. Erickson for execution.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Pruitt then presented the Financial Report. She reviewed the Financial Statements. The balance in the checking account on October 27, 2011 was \$52,832.51. The DG has three CDs. One for \$15,527.09 which matures in July, 2012, a second of \$8,484.17 which matures in October, 2012, and a third for \$15,527.09 which matures in December, 2012. The DG also has 400 shares of Met Life Preferred Stock at 6.50% interest which was valued at \$9,984.00 in a stock account with Syntrinsic Investment Counsel and a small money market fund with \$975.00 in that account. The total value of the Syntrinsic account is \$10,943.07 as of September 30, 2011. Ms. Pruitt then concluded her report.

### **III. Convention**

#### **A. 2012 Preparations**

The Board was advised that Wes Ingerd will be unable to be the Roger Mansell speaker. Board members suggested three possibilities: Linda Dahl (she has a wonderful website), Robert Hudson and Ginger Holmes. The speaker will receive air fare and one nights lodging. The Board agreed to see if Ms. Dahl was interested in being the speaker. The Board also will require an outline to be provided in advance of the presentation.

#### **B. Date and Location for 2013 Convention**

The Board considered San Jose, Norfolk and Tacoma for the possible site of the 2013 Convention. Ms. Pruitt was impressed by Norfolk and the Sheraton Hotel. Free parking is available for guests at the Norfolk Sheraton. Tacoma and San Jose presented some significant travel issues from the airport to the hotel. After reviewing the possible choices and considering Ms. Pruitt's comments, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried to tentatively set the convention for Norfolk from May 21, 2013 through May 26, 2013. Room prices will be \$99 for a guest room. The motion was subject to contractual arrangements being made.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Communications**

The Board discussed obtaining an ad for the Descendants Group for the White Sands event. The DG has placed an ad in the program previously. The Board considered this an excellent opportunity to have the DG's name in front of individuals who are interested in the Bataan Death March. Ms. McDavitt indicated that the former

prisoners of war are treated with a great deal of respect and admiration by the participants in the event. A motion was then duly made, seconded and unanimously carried to place an ad in the White Sand's program.

B. Fund Raising

Ms. McDavitt reviewed fund raising matters. She reported that 300 patches have been ordered at \$2.00 each. These will be sold for \$5.00. She also reviewed prices for tee shirts. The price would be \$7.00 per tee shirt if 150 are purchased. The price would be \$6.00 if 200 are purchased. After consideration, a motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 200 tee shirts at \$6.00 each for a total cost of \$1,200. She then discussed at length the availability of collared shirts. The basic polo will cost \$18.00 for an order of between 25 to 50 with a high end price of \$60.00. The print would be on the pocket.

C. Grants

Ms. McDavitt then presented the report of the grant committee. The DG had received six (6) grant requests ranging from \$800 to \$3,750. The committee was made up of Ms. McDavitt, Ms. Kragh and Dr. Erickson. The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss the merits of the various projects as well as issues surrounding the staffing and training for the museum. After the Executive Session, the Board approved: 1) a grant to the ADBC Museum to purchase set up supplies for displays for tours and to be utilized in the museum; 2) a grant for *Bataan in a Box* to provide primary and secondary teachers with materials about Bataan to teach students across the state of New Mexico and to be given to other states as a basis for curriculum; 3) a grant for *My Day of Their Lives* to develop a history module designed

for fourth to eighth grade history and community art classes telling the story of the Cabanatuan Orchestra and art players; and 4) a grant to *Never the Same* to support making a feature length documentary that tells about the survival and experiences of American POWs in the Far East during World War II. *Bataan in a Box* and *My Days of Their Lives* will be presented at the 2012 Convention.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January, 2012. A motion was then duly made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn.

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**Jim Erickson, Secretary**